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World leaders pledge to combat terror



US President Bill Clinton holds hands with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday, as leaders posed for a group picture at the end of the Peacemakers' Summit. To Mubarak's left are Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Peres: Teheran is capital of terror

DAVID MAKOVSKY SHARM E-SHEIKH

WORLD leaders, including the representatives of a dozen Arab states, yesterday condemned terrorism against Israel and pledged cooperation in implementing specific measures to fight terror. There was hope last night that genuine momentum was created during yesterday's four-hour "Summit of the Peacemakers" in Sharm e-Sheikh attended by 29 countries. In a final communique, the conference called for ensuring terrorists are brought to justice and countries do not allow them to use their soil as a springboard for attacks. The participants also called to cut off funds, arms, and other equipment for terrorists. Text of declaration, speeches, Page 4. Specific anti-terror measures were deferred to a working group, which is to meet within two weeks, US official say. Counterterrorism experts from a variety of countries will discuss fresh cooperative efforts against terror and present their findings to the conference participants within a month. The conference fell short of singling out Iran as the backer of international terror and did not institutionalize intelligence cooperation between Middle East countries. Foreign Minister Ehud Barak called for the establishment of a "Middle East Interpol."

PM meets with heads of Gulf Arab states

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres yesterday asked Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani to investigate the possibility of bringing the remains of 17th century Jewish poet Shalom Shabazi to Israel for reburial. Peres said the unprecedented presence of 13 Arab leaders at a summit that essentially underscored support for Israel prompted him to make his request of Iryani, at the first public meeting between Israeli and Yemeni officials. "In my talk with the foreign minister of Yemen, I even asked him to check the possibility to bring Shabazi's remains to Israel," he told Israeli reporters. Iryani is familiar with the poetry of Shabazi, whose tomb in Taiz is revered by Moslems. "He quoted a poem of Shabazi's about fruit ... and coffee," Peres said. Peres did not say how Iryani responded to the request. Meanwhile, Israeli officials hinted that Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad bin al-Khalifa yesterday invited Peres to visit his country. One predicted that Bahrain would follow Qatar and Oman in establishing a modicum of bilateral ties. Speaking to reporters on the plane to Sinai yesterday, Peres said he had not yet decided whether to accept an invitation from Qatar and Oman to visit at the end of this month.

Mideast heads must be the real peacemakers

COMMENT BARRY RUBIN

AT the end of the day, the Sharm e-Sheikh international summit was a symbolic affair. It was a good sign - but one with little material significance - of broad support for Israel and the peace process, as well as opposition to regional terrorism on a scale unthinkable a few years ago. The conference was also a frustrating, even diversionary, media event yielding little that could not have been attained without its convening. It also demonstrated the limits to consensus over the very practical, immediate problems facing the peace process. As so often happens, leaders are likely to conclude they have met their obligation to peacemaking by speechmaking. The meeting's anomalies illustrate these issues very well. One was President Bill Clinton's absurd invitation to Syria, whose huckling for terror in everything but open propaganda rivals that of Iran. The president's statement that one should not read too much into Syria's refusal to come and that he still believes Damascus is eager to make peace with Israel shows real weaknesses in his Middle East policy. A second factor was the timidity about naming terrorists and their sponsors. Prime Minister Shimon Peres spoke well and forcefully about the problem's source, though perhaps giving Teheran too much credit than other guilty parties. But almost everyone else was happy with vague formulations. But the most important question is whether anything will actually be done to fight terrorism. After all, the threat we face is more often one of political will than high-tech measures. If Yasser Arafat had arrested 29 leaders of Hamas's terrorist network earlier, 29 world leaders would not have had to fly many thousands of miles. Some of those countries - France, Germany, and Russia in (Continued on Page 2)

Asks Yemen to send remains of Jewish poet to Israel

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Peres: Closure will continue

JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

THE IDF allowed a convoy of food trucks into the Gaza Strip and eased other restrictions yesterday, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he would keep the borders closed until those responsible for the suicide bombings are in jail. Peres told reporters he would not end the overall closure which bars Palestinians from travel and trade with Israel until Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat puts all those responsible for terrorist attacks in jail. "I don't think the time has come to ease up on our demands, because past experience shows that when we ease up, he [Arafat] does, too. This time, we want him to go all the way," Peres said. Peres and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said yesterday they are considering deporting Palestinians with ties to suicide bombings in hopes of deterring future violence. These could include male relatives of suicide bombers. "Whatever we can do to stop terrorism, we will do," Barak said. Barak, accusing Arafat of not doing enough to crush Moslem militants, said that Israel's pull-out from Hebron is likely to be delayed. "I don't see it happening in two weeks, unless there is a real change in the way Arafat fights terrorism," he said outside the conference room where world leaders were holding the anti-terrorism summit. The army is scheduled to withdraw from Hebron, except for sections of the city where settlers live, on March 28. The IDF eased the closure at Gaza's Karni terminal, granting permission for 35 truckloads of supplies to be brought in. However, only 12 truckloads of flour and rice arrived. Another 40 trucks will be permitted to unload at Karni today. (Continued on Page 9)

Gunman kills 16 children in Scotland

DUNBLANE, Scotland (Reuter) - A man with four guns shot dead 16 children aged five and six and a woman teacher yesterday in a "slaughter of the innocents" at a Scottish school before turning a gun on himself. Thomas Hamilton burst into a physical education class in the gymnasium of Dunblane Primary School, opening fire on the children and their teacher. Fifteen children were killed in the gymnasium and one died later in the hospital, police said. It was the worst shooting massacre in British history. Hamilton, 43, was a bachelor who lived in the nearby town of Stirling, police said. Hamilton was a former Boy Scouts leader who had been asked to resign in 1974 after allegations of improper behavior. Britain's Press Association news agency said. One local council official said he had been accused of taking photographs of semi-naked boys. Neighbors said he had a fascination with guns. "It was a random attack," a police spokesman told reporters. "I know he was known in the area." News reports said Hamilton began by trying to take the children hostage. It appeared he then methodically shot almost every child in the class of 29 before killing himself with one of four handguns he carried. Seven children and two adults are still in the hospital. Police said three of the children were in critical condition. "The school teacher is dead and of the five-year-olds, there's not many of them left," Scotland's Chief Constable William Wilson told a news conference. Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister John Major sent horrified condolences. Many Scottish politicians were close to tears as they expressed their shock in parliament and on television. Major, in Egypt for the anti-terrorism conference, said he was horrified by the news. "My heart goes out to the parents, families, and teachers of those who were killed and injured," said Major, a father of two. "No words can express the shock and sorrow brought about by this mad and evil act. It is beyond belief that so many young lives can have been so brutally ended in this way."

Clinton starts solidarity visit in Jerusalem

BATSHEVA TSUR

US President Bill Clinton began a solidarity visit to Israel last night by meeting with President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem. "We must not let the acts of the wicked few destroy the dreams of the many ... Those who practice terror must not succeed," Clinton said in an arrival speech at Ben-Gurion Airport. Clinton, who arrived at Beit Hanassi accompanied by Peres at 9:30 p.m., spent an hour briefing Weizman. "I am here once again to express solidarity for the people of Israel, to express our grief at the loss of life, and to attempt to restore your security," Clinton declared when he emerged from the meeting with Weizman. "The show of solidarity for Israel and against terror is very important ... We thank you for the keenness of your interest," Weizman told Clinton. Weizman stayed away from the airport ceremony, amid reports he was angered that the formal welcoming had not been held in Jerusalem. "The president of the US met me in the home of the Israeli president and in the capital of Israel," Weizman declared to the media. Clinton preferred to skirt the issue of Jerusalem, but when pressed by a reporter replied: "My feeling is that ever since the Israelis and Palestinians agreed it would be part of the final process ... we should support that because we are partners in that process." "It was not a state visit," said presidential bureau chief Arye Shumer. "So [Weizman] did not have to welcome the US president at the airport." He added that the telephone exchange had been "jammed" with calls of support for Weizman's stand. Clinton will have a full schedule in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv today before leaving this evening. (Related stories, Page 2)

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Olmert partially backs down on Clinton's visit

DAN IZENBERG AND BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert backed down on his threat not to help in the preparations for President Bill Clinton's visit, but stuck to his boycott of today's meeting between Clinton and 1,200 schoolchildren in Tel Aviv.

The ban on official Jerusalem school participation at the event remained intact, because the government and Clinton did not agree to Olmert's demand that the US president make a memorial stop in Jerusalem, and not just in Tel Aviv, municipal spokesman Hagai Elias said.

Jerusalem was the main focus of the terrorist attacks and the government should have insisted that Clinton meet with people in the city, Elias said.

"The Beit Hinnuch School lost four graduates in the attacks," Elias said. "Couldn't he have visited the school? Why doesn't he visit one of the monuments set up in memory of the victims?"

The US Embassy issued a statement saying Clinton decided not to visit hospitals and the site of one of the terrorist attacks in Jerusalem on the advice of Israeli security officials.

"The president was persuaded by Israeli government officials that security concerns would make these [visits] impossible," said the embassy communiqué.

Five pupils from Jerusalem's Experimental High School, which was slated to send pupils to Tel Aviv today, wrote to Clinton, asking him to intercede with the municipality. Sixty Jerusalem pupils were supposed to attend the Tel Aviv gathering.

"We are shocked by the arbitrary decision of the mayor of Jerusalem ... to deprive us of our rights to participate in your meeting with Israeli students from all over the country," the pupils wrote.

One of the pupils, Lital Nadra, 16, said the pupils tried to get Olmert's decision repealed, but were sent from one official to another until someone at the Foreign Ministry told them their places at the gathering had been

taken by pupils from other parts of the country.

The students wrote in their letter to Clinton that "our absence at the meeting with you has been imposed on us for no good reason in cynical manipulation. We are with you and we want to show it." Elias said the Jerusalem high school pupils were invited to an official gathering, and therefore the municipality had the right to bar them from attending. He said the decision not to allow students to attend came 15 minutes after the request to send them was made.

Meanwhile, municipal sources said that late Tuesday night Olmert gave the go-ahead for municipal crews to help in the preparations for Clinton's visit, after the Prime Minister's Office and police consulted with the city about traffic arrangements during Clinton's stay.

Olmert had threatened not to help - in particular to refrain from hanging US flags throughout the city and not aid police in informing residents about road closures during the visit - on the grounds that the city was not involved in the decision of which roads would be closed and when.

The sources said the police agreed to close streets for less time than during previous visits. But police sources denied this, saying the only changes in closing times were made because of changes in Clinton's schedule.

Many computers left Jerusalem early yesterday afternoon to avoid the road closures. By about 3:00 p.m., several hours before Clinton's arrival, traffic jams were reported at the western exit of the city.

Also in the afternoon, hundreds of policemen and soldiers began spreading out along the highway between Ben-Gurion Airport and the capital in anticipation of the presidential motorcade.

Some 10,000 policemen are taking part in "Operation Song 4," the code name for the plan to secure Clinton's visit in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.



President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Shimon Peres inspect the honor guard at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday.

'City that never stops' to halt for Clinton

RAINE MARCUS

TEL AVIVIANS' lives are likely to be disrupted this afternoon with the arrival of US President Bill Clinton, as police cordon off main streets and ban parking in areas near the performing arts center, where he will participate in a memorial service with high school students.

However, police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last stressed the city will in no way be under siege, nor come to a standstill.

"Until noon, life in the city center will be normal and people can drive to work and around town freely." Last told journalists yesterday.

Some 2,700 policemen will be deployed for Clinton's first visit to Tel Aviv, said Last. Additional security forces will be on maximum alert, scouring streets and rooftops for suspicious objects and people.

Previous plans that Clinton would visit Kikar Rabin and Dizengoff Center were canceled for security reasons.

Last refused to confirm whether warnings of terror attacks had been received, but sources said constant warnings by "various elements" are being taken seriously.

All vehicles, including mopeds and bicycles, parked on Sderot Shaul Hamelech, Rehov Kaplan, Derech Petah Tikva, Leonardo da Vinci and Berkovitch Streets will be towed away from 7 a.m. Parking lots in

the area will also be closed. At noon, Shaul Hamelech will be sealed off to traffic. At 1 p.m. Kaplan, Leonardo da Vinci and Berkovitch streets will be closed off. At the same time, drivers will be banned from using Shefa Tal and Arvei Hanahal streets connecting Ramat Gan to Tel Aviv.

At the time of Clinton's visit, at around 3:30, Shaul Hamelech will be closed to pedestrians.

Traffic police head Supt. Ofer Shuster stressed that the public should listen to the radio for any last-minute changes in schedule. He also urged the public to use public transport and to avoid driving in the city until around 5 p.m.

Motorists wishing to arrive from northern suburbs should use Sderot Rokach and Ben Givrol streets and then Hayarkon Street, said Shuster. Traffic police will direct drivers throughout the day.

Starting at 1:30, Derech Petah Tikva between Adosorov and Hashmonaim streets will be opened and closed intermittently, depending on Clinton's schedule. At the same time, the Ayalon Highway from the Halacha Junction southwards to Ben-Gurion Airport will be closed to traffic until around 5.

Conference fatigue takes its toll

SHARM E-SHEIKH (Reuters) - HEADS slumped forward, yawns stifled, the peacemakers found conference fatigue just as hard to tackle as the threat of violence to Middle East stability.

In a luxury tourist hotel beside the glistening Red Sea, world leaders sat through a three-hour session of 28 speeches and countless condemnations of terrorism.

Asked how he stayed awake, US President Bill Clinton said: "I worked at it."

He flew in overnight on an 11-hour flight from Washington to this Egyptian resort to co-host the hastily arranged conference billed as "The Summit of Peacemakers."

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's head drooped, another victim of a long flight.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat stared glassy-eyed, and Prime Minister Shimon Peres looked close to nodding off.

"It's a shame they didn't leave themselves time to relax here," said a European diplomat looking out over the placid Red Sea bay, where security frogmen in dinghies were virtually the only sign of life in waters usually teeming with bathers.

But the holiday atmosphere took away some of the sense of urgency from the summit.

Tourists in bikinis wandered past Gulf Arab delegations in traditional flowing white robes and package groups played bingo on Tuesday night outside the building where Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met Arafat to prepare for the summit.

The two men had a choice of venue - the Sharks Room or the Barracuda Bar.

Peres, seizing the chance for bilateral meetings before the start of the conference, shuffled between the hotel's whitewashed villa apartments as bemused officials traipsed across flower beds to keep up with his busy agenda.

Hamas repeats threat of more bombings

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Hamas has not called a truce in its bombing campaign against Israel and will continue it "until the liberation of our land," its representative here said yesterday at the "Islamic National Conference to confront the Terrorism Summit" held in a Beirut hotel.

"Our four latest attacks in the homeland did not come as part of a political scenario, but rather in the context of a strategy aimed at continuing the struggle until the liberation of our land," Moustapha Liddawi, Hamas's representative in Lebanon, said.

"Our dignity and our pride is in those corpses which are ripped apart like exploding bombs throughout our land, and we will continue on this road," he said.

"There is no such truce and we did not and will not hand over our arms to the Zionist enemy or the Palestinian Authority," he said.

About 100 Lebanese Moslem clerics, Hizbullah parliamentary deputies, and Lebanese political party officials attended the conference.

Libya also reiterated its opposition to the anti-terrorism summit held in Sharm e-Sheikh yesterday.

"Algeria and Tunisia's participation at this conference constitutes a shock for the Arab Nation, particularly that this conference will reinforce the Israelis' protection and guarantees their security," the official Libyan news agency JANA said.

But in a separate comment received in Tunis, JANA praised Egypt for trying to focus the summit on strengthening the Middle East peace process instead of concentrating on "anti-terrorism."

In Gaza, Hamas justified its armed attacks against Israel and appealed to the anti-terrorism summit to end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands.

"We call upon you to adopt your past stands of demanding the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces, to stop all features of occupation immediately and to open the door for the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination," Hamas said in a statement addressed to the summit. Hamas said its policy is not to attack individuals or interests or to carry out strikes outside Israeli-controlled areas.

Hamas: Religion, resentment, revenge

FOR six months, there were no successful Hamas suicide attacks against Israelis and it seemed the Palestinian Authority had indeed made an arrangement with Hamas which reduced attacks.

The situation was comfortable for Israel and for the Palestinian Authority but not, it seems, for Hamas. Since the latest terror spree showed that this arrangement failed, what went wrong?

The answer given by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat is that Israel killed the person most responsible for the previous wave of terror, Yihye Ayyash, and so Hamas no longer felt bound by the arrangement.

Whether Arafat allowed Ayyash his freedom, coordinated the assassination with Israel, or did not know he was in Gaza, points to a flaw in the Washington handshake which launched the peace process. For the sake of peace with Hamas Arafat - who described Ayyash's bombings as "criminal" and "terrorist" - ended up calling him "a holy martyr," as though Israel lives were of no consequence, and encouraged others to see him as a role model.

Polls taken in 1995 showed that more than 30% supported Ayyash's suicide bombings, roughly the percentage which has consistently opposed the Oslo accords. Most of that 30% support Hamas.

Without Hamas's ideological backing, Ayyash, like Fathi Shkaki, the Islamic Jihad leader, might have been assassinated as a terrorist with the same lack of regret which Arafat displayed after Shkaki's death, or after his police shot dead two Islamic Ji-

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had gunmen wanted by Israel. Not everybody in Hamas supports violence, but Hamas cannot afford to condemn violence formally, because it sees itself as the purest expression of Islamic struggle in Palestine.

If it condemns violence, it splits, and if it splits it is like splitting the Moslem Brotherhood from which it developed. Even Imad Falouji, who left Hamas to run for the Palestinian Council on a Fatah ticket in January, refuses to condemn the bombings.

"They are sad, but Israel is to blame for not withdrawing from Palestinian territory," he said.

Attacks on Israelis inside Israel, sanctified by suicidal "martyrdom," were a safety valve. They expressed practical opposition to Palestinian-Israeli peace, weakened Arafat without retribution, weakened Israel and the peace process, and made Hamas a political player.

Its support actually dwindled in the six months of no noteworthy attacks. Today, following the Palestinian elections, Hamas's clear political interest - given its dwindling support - is to influence the Palestinian Authority from within, at least until the talks on a final settlement reach their decisive moment in 1998-99.

Politically speaking, terrorism now seems to have no point. But now, as in 1988 when it was formed as the armed wing of the Moslem Brotherhood in Palest-

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particular, whose leaders verbally pounded on the evildoers - are campaigning to repeal the embargo against Iraq or trying to sell everything possible to Iran. Thus, one man's terrorist is another man's trading partner. It will be interesting to see what serious proposals, if any, are contained in the summit's working paper - promised for April - not to mention whether anyone pays attention to them.

Ironically, the greatest hope from the meeting will be those for whom terrorism is not just some abstraction. For the 13 Arab

states present, radical political violence is a major problem that involves their very survival and objectively gives them some common interests with Israel. With all due respect to the providers of oral or material succor, the peacemakers are in the Middle East itself. Bilateral cooperation between Israel and these neighbors, which will usually be conducted far from the bright television lights, provides a real prospect for far more effective counterterrorism.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hamas planned to overthrow Arafat
The Palestinian Police has seized documents indicating Hamas planned to overthrow Yasser Arafat. "We found documents [which] give us evidence that Hamas was planning to be a substitute for the Palestinian Authority and to sabotage peace," said PA Attorney-General Khaled Kidreh. *News agencies*

Court blocks big settler demo
THE High Court of Justice yesterday refused to allow the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria to hold a large demonstration during US President Bill Clinton's visit to Jerusalem last night. The court accepted that the police did not have the manpower to handle a large demonstration and the council decided not to hold any protest, as even a small one would have to be far away. *Evelyn Gordon*

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IDF kills four Hizbullah gunmen

Bombardments on IDF and SLA seen as defiant reaction to summit



Hizbullah gunmen prepare to fire a Katyusha rocket yesterday at the security zone from a fortified post in south Lebanon's Iqim al-Toufah. (Reuters)

AT least four Hizbullah gunmen have been killed by IDF troops in the past 48 hours - two of them north of the security zone, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday.

The other two were killed during fierce exchanges yesterday, when Hizbullah gunmen opened fire at IDF and South Lebanese Army positions along the length of the security zone.

The Hizbullah barrage began around 6:30 a.m. The timing of the bombardments, the most

widespread since last month, was viewed as a gesture of defiance by the Iranian-backed terror organization against yesterday's Sharm e-Sheikh anti-terror summit.

Military sources said Hizbullah gunmen once again breached Operation Accountability understandings by using homes and public buildings in villages north of the zone as cover.

In one case gunmen were spotted firing a mortar from the roof of a school in the Nabatiya area,

north of the zone.

Army sources said the IDF made every effort to hit only the terrorists and avoid harming civilians. Nevertheless, Lebanese radio stations reported that two civilians had been wounded in Roumaie village and another two in Toulin village, both in the Nabatiya region.

Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah gunmen fired scores of

mortar rounds, Katyusha rockets, Sagger anti-tank missiles, and RPGs at IDF and SLA posts from the coast to the foothills of Mt. Hermon in the east. There were no IDF or SLA casualties, however.

The IDF Spokesman said at least two Hizbullah gunmen were killed and several others wounded as a result of IDF fire.

The spokesman said the other two Hizbullah gunmen were killed on Monday during an initi-

ated activity in the Jab'l Rafiah region north of the zone.

Meanwhile, Palestinians in refugee camps in Lebanon and Syria staged a general strike yesterday to protest against the anti-terror summit and the crackdown on Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the territories.

Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah's attacks yesterday may have been aimed more at undermining activities by the rival Amal Shi'ite movement.

Opposition moves Golan bills forward - to dead end

THE opposition yesterday passed in preliminary reading three bills aimed at preventing territorial concessions on the Golan Heights or Jerusalem without a special majority.

However, the victory was an empty one, as the bills cannot be carried over into the next Knesset.

The three bills were submitted by Uzi Landau (Likud), Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party),

and Avigdor Kahalani and Emmanuel Zissman (Third Way).

Landau's bill called for a special Knesset majority of 80 MKs to endorse concessions on the Golan Heights; Levy's, 70; and the Third Way's bill demands the approval of 60 MKs or 50 percent of all eligible voters in a public referendum for concessions on the Golan or Jerusalem.

Although the plenum was nearly empty for the debates,

some 70 MKs showed up to vote.

The bills passed by a majority of two votes, despite attempts by coalition chairman Ra'anan Cohen to muster more of his MKs to the plenum.

When Kahalani and Zissman first raised the bill last summer there was a massive turnout for the vote.

The bill failed when Deputy

Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb (then Yit'ud, now Atid) refused to support it.

In his speech, Landau compared Prime Minister Shimon Peres to a compulsive gambler in his approach to the peace process.

Kahalani noted that Gamla had been more important than Massada and had fallen three years before Jerusalem.

He said a coin found at Gamla

had been inscribed "the struggle for Gamla is to preserve Jerusalem."

"The person who orders the withdrawal from the Golan Heights will be the one who in the future harms Jerusalem," Kahalani said.

Justice Minister David Liba'i, responding for the government, called the bills "undemocratic for permitting a minority of MKs to block political moves."

Bomber's family asks state for welfare aid

READING from a form requesting welfare benefits for the family of a suicide bomber, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday gave the Knesset plenum an insight into the thinking of terrorist groups.

The request for money was made from the Islamic Rescue Committee, registered in Israel as a non-profit organization, operating from Nazareth. It apparently acts as a cover to raise funds abroad for Hamas. Committee head Suleiman Ikhbariya, an Umm el-Fahm resident, was recently arrested.

The benefit request was submitted by the mother of Iman Atalalla. Under circumstances of death is listed: "Died: September 12 1993;

Place: Gaza. Circumstances of incident: suicide mission in booby-trapped car."

The terrorist was single, aged 20, and one of a family of nine.

The field report submitted with the form noted: "An inquiry revealed the victim's family has many children and is poor. The victim was one of the members of Izzadin Kassam, the Hamas military wing, who sacrificed their lives for their religion and homeland. Therefore we recommend aid amounting to \$150 a month

for a year."

Under a clause on "special circumstances" the report notes that Atalalla was "polite and moral," "fasted Mondays and Thursday, prayed and read Koran."

According to the report, on the day of the event he prepared the vehicle "and when his prey" approached he switched on the ignition, stuck close to the enemy's vehicle and operated the explosives, which sent a male and female soldier to hell, praise be the Lord. The shahid [martyr] went to Paradise, God willing.

"The shahid carried out the suicide mission having fasted. It is said the shahid saw in a dream the shahid Zachari el-Shorbeji, who invited him to eat together."

The report mentions that both the mother and the sister of the suicide bomber saw him preparing a feast in a dream.

The request form notes he had been injured three times before and had been wanted by Israel for four months. Shahal said the fund, which approved the benefit request, operates as a front for Hamas and has received funds from foreign groups, including The Palestine and Lebanon Relief Fund; a group operating from Britain; a German group called Lagsa; and a US group.

Court hears petitions of 7 terrorists' families

THE High Court of Justice yesterday finished hearing seven petitions by terrorists' families against the demolition of their houses, and is expected to issue a decision within the next few days.

An eighth petition, by the uncle of Yihye ("The Engineer") Ayyash, was withdrawn yesterday after the state insisted it be filed by Ayyash's immediate family; i.e. his wife. The court agreed, but attorney Lea Tsemel did not think Ayyash's wife would be willing to submit a petition and withdraw it.

The court heard petitions by the family of Majid Abu Warda, who committed the first bus No. 18 bombing in Jerusalem two weeks ago, and the family of Ibrahim Sarhana, who committed the Ashkhan suicide attack the same day.

It also finished hearing a petition by the family of Abed Dudin, who recruited the suicide bomber who blew up bus No. 26 in Jerusalem in August.

With regard to Sarhana, attorney Radera Khoury argued that his mother is ill with heart problems, and lives with two sons who are also ill. None deserves to lose their home because of Sarhana, she said.

"But what remains of the deterrent if someone like this knows that the worst that can happen [to his family] is that his room of the house will be sealed up?" demanded Justice Gavriel Bach.

"Someone who does something like this isn't thinking about his family, he isn't thinking about anyone," retorted Khoury.

Government attorney Yochi Genessin said the situation makes strong deterrent measures necessary.

Khoury also charged a double standard, noting that Yigal Amir's house was not destroyed

after he killed prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. However, Bach said, the difference is that the entire country denounced Amir's act, and there do not appear to be people lining up to follow in his footsteps. In contrast, he said, the suicide bombers are heroes to large portions of the Arab population in the territories.

With regard to Dudin, Khoury argued that the house in question was not his; he had simply been renting it from his brother. However, the justices appeared skeptical, noting that his brother had ignored the fact that the rent was not paid for years at a time, and that the contract was long-term, for 10 years.

The Abu Warda family, meanwhile, submitted a novel request. If the court rejects their petition, they said, they want to be allowed to destroy their own home, instead of the army demolishing it.

Genessin objected strenuously to this idea, saying part of the deterrent effect of the demolition is for all the neighbors to see IDF troops destroying the home. However, Justices Bach, Dalia Dorner, and Mishael Cheshin seemed open to the idea.

Earlier this week, the court heard four other petitions: one from the family of the bus No. 26 bomber, Sufiyan Jabarin; one from the family of Labib Azem of Kafr Karyut, who committed the Ramat Gan bus bombing in July; one from the family of Muhidin Sharif of Beit Hanina, who gave Jabarin the explosives for his attack; and one from the family of Iman Seedar of Abu Dis, who recruited the terrorists responsible for the shooting attack in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva neighborhood and the suicide bombing opposite the Jerusalem International Convention Center, both in late 1994.

A CALL FOR PEACE

Commitment by Jews and Arabs Throughout the World to Support Peace and Fight Terrorism

Intellectuals and artists, Jewish and Arabs, from all over the world met in Tel Aviv at the invitation of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East to promote the establishment of peace centers in all Arab countries, and have issued an appeal to the Israeli and Palestinian peoples:

In order to put an end to the atmosphere of terror resulting from actions of Hamas and extremists on all sides, we feel it essential that the peace process be accelerated and become irreversible:

- To uproot the danger of terrorism through the combined efforts of the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority.
- To remove all references to the destruction of the State of Israel from the Palestinian Covenant.
- To quickly transfer areas and power to the Palestinians in accordance with the agreements.

On our side, we must embrace a policy which will extricate the Israeli people from its current "siege mentality" and allow it to better appreciate the forces for peace existing in the Arab world. In this spirit, we welcome the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Arab states and call for the strengthening of these ties.

We dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of peace, to the encouragement of mutual understanding between Arabs and Jews, and to the promotion of cultural ties and academic and economic contacts.

- Dr. Anthony Klug - England. Middle East studies. Former Manager in "Amnesty Int.", London - ICPME
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Clinton: We will win the battle for peace

President Bill Clinton's speech at the summit:

FROM all around the world we have come to the Sinai to deliver one simple, unified message: Peace will prevail. This summit is unprecedented in the history of the Middle East. It would have been inconceivable just a few short years ago. It stands as proof and promise that this region has changed for good.

Leaders from Israel and the Arab world, from Europe, from Asia, from North America. Twenty-nine of us, shoulder to shoulder, joined in support of peace. We have gathered before to celebrate new milestones in our journey. Today we join in common defense against those who would turn us back. We are here because we know what is at stake.

In the 18 years since Egypt and Israel made a miracle at Camp David, Israelis and Arabs have changed the course of history in their lands. Step by step, courageously they have broken with the past, laying down the arms of war and opening their arms to one another.

But with every milestone passed along the road of peace and progress, the enemies of peace have grown more desperate and more depraved. They know they cannot compete in the marketplace of ideas. They know they have nothing to offer but hardship and despair. And so they resort to murderous attacks that are an affront to the civilized world and to the moral precepts that lie at the core of the three faiths represented here.

As President Mubarak has so eloquently stated, in the busy streets of Jerusalem, Ashkelon, and Tel Aviv, suicide bombers launched a wave of terror to kill as many Israelis as possible. Ordinary men and women riding the bus to work, families shopping for the holidays, innocent children in their Purim costumes, murdered for the blood in their veins.

Our hearts go out to the people of

Israel and to all the victims of these atrocities, which include also Palestinians and Americans. Many of the nations here today have experienced the nightmares of terror. Death is not discriminated among the terrorist victims. Over the last two weeks, as I have said, losses were felt not only in Israel, but also in Palestinian, American, and Moroccan homes.

The hard-won achievements of the Palestinian people are under direct assault. The merchants of terror would sell out their future and trade their dreams for despair, and Arab mothers and fathers who seek a better life for their children understand the enemies of peace have targeted them as well.

Let no one underestimate the significance of our gathering here today. Today the wall of division we face is not really between Arab and Israeli. It is instead between those who reach for a better tomorrow and those who rail against it, between those who traffic in hate and terror and those who work for peace. To the forces of hatred and violence I say, and let us all say, you kill yourselves and others in the aim of killing peace.

Yet today, as you see, peace survives. In peace we'll grow stronger. You will not succeed. Your day has passed. You have plowed the fields of hatred, but here we are, coming to reach unity and new strength to defeat you and to keep the promise and hope of peace alive.

We here who have gathered in Egypt today are committed to the search for peace. Our very presence here underscores the depth of our dedication. But words and symbols are not enough. The world looks to us now for action, and we must direct our collective resolve in three specific areas.

First, we must be clear in our condemnation of those who resort to terror. Violence has no place in the future we all seek for the Middle East.

Second, we must reinforce our common search for a comprehen-

sive peace. We must press forward until the circle of peace is closed. And we must work to bring the benefits of peace to the daily lives of the people here, for if people lose their hope in peace, the terrorists will have succeeded. This would be the cruellest victory of all, and we must not let it happen.

Third, we must actively counter the terrorists with all the means at our command, combining our efforts tangibly and joining our strength to defeat their evil aims. Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority are responding to that challenge. Each of us here must do our part to help them succeed in their mission. We know we cannot guarantee 100 percent success, but all of us must demand of each other and ourselves 100 percent effort.

The danger we face is urgent. The challenge is clear. But the solidarity of the peacemakers will conquer the forces of division, if we will resolve to keep that solidarity.

We stand today as one not far from the mountain where God gave the word to Moses, the law of humanity, tolerance, and faith that guides our way today. We are the heirs of that moral legacy, whether we be Muslim or Jew or Christian. From many lands and many different traditions we come today, all speaking the language of peace.

In the Bible, we are told that when they were grown, Isaac, the patriarch of the Jews and Ishmael, the patriarch of the Arabs, met but once. They came together at the death of Abraham, the father they shared, the father of both peoples.

Today, the descendants of Isaac and Ishmael have joined together in a spirit of rebirth, to secure the shared promise of a life of peace for all the peoples of this region. Those of us who come here today to stand with them must not allow the forces of the past to deny them the future they seek, that we all seek.

Let our charge go forth from the Sinai today. We will win the battle for peace. Thank you (Reuters)



Prime Minister Shimon Peres is greeted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on his arrival at the Sharm e-Sheikh conference yesterday. (Reuters)

Peres: We shall do all it takes to defeat terrorism

Prime Minister Shimon Peres's speech at the summit:

I WANTED to speak in the name of my people who desire peace. But today, and here, I must first speak in pain and sorrow in the name of children, women, and old people, and innocent civilians who were the victims of cruel terror. Since the murder of Yitzhak Rabin. I have not known such great sorrow. And my heart prays: "He will destroy death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears off all faces." May their memories be blessed.

Your majesties, royal highnesses, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, nine days ago on the eve of the festival of Purim, two 12-year-old boys went to celebrate at the Tel Aviv mall. Yovav Levy and Kobi Zaharon were best friends. They had the innocence and freshness of youth. Kobi studied in a class for gifted children. Yovav excelled at football. Their whole future was before them. Yet, in a split second, it came to an end at the hands of a crazed terrorist, a living bomb.

Is there a God who permits a man to perform such a horrendous act? Is there a religion which allows one to commit suicide, to murder children? Wars in the Middle East have claimed the lives of tens of thousands of young people. With every casualty, a whole world was lost. Yet, most of the victims fell during wars. Kobi and Yovav were murdered by the ultimate evil - in a war against ending wars.

They were among the youngest victims of the most recent terrorist attacks, but they were not alone. In Jerusalem, in Ashkelon, and in Tel Aviv, other children, and ordinary people, young and old, Israelis and foreigners were

killed. Grief struck many homes and scores are still in pain. May the Lord comfort the sorrow and heal the pain.

Yes, we suffered pain, but not despair. We shall do all that it takes to defeat terrorism, just as we shall mobilize all resources to further peace. This gathering signifies the civilized world's rejection of the evil of terrorism and its support for the peace process.

Momentous and practical decisions must emerge here today. This conference must formulate a strategy and create an enduring coalition to respond to the moral call and to answer the practical needs through international cooperation. Terrorism knows no borders: so borders must not restrain action to smash the terrorist snake.

This terrorism is not anonymous. It has a name, it has an address. It has bank accounts. It has an infrastructure, it has networks camouflaged as charity organizations. It is spearheaded by a country - Iran. The Iranian people are not our enemy. Religion is not our foe. It is the regime which initiates, promotes, and exports violence and fanaticism - Tehran has become the capital of terror. A conclusion must be drawn how to contain it. From the Palestinians, with whom we wish to complete the historic reconciliation, we demand the unequivocal fulfillment of the Oslo accords. We do not ask the Palestinian Authority to defend our lives. Only we shall defend ourselves. It is solely our responsibility. The Palestinians must fulfill the obligations of an elected authority. They must fight to prevent terror, which is causing the hardship in their midst. They must not tolerate murderous command centers. They must not permit illegal guns to aim at legal peace agreements.

Terror threatens peace and stability in the whole world. Suicide methods and modern weapons are an immediate danger. It will escalate once terrorists obtain non-conventional weapons.

Our region is going through a period of transition. The dark days are at an end. The shadows of its past are lengthening. The twilight of wars is still red with blood, yet its sunset is inevitable and imminent.

The Middle East is on the verge of a new day - better and more promising. Many barriers which separated Israel from its neighbors are gone. Yesterday's enemies are gathered here today as partners in the battle for a different tomorrow. The hunting grounds of cynics and skeptics are diminishing. There is news in the Middle East: it will be a new Middle East.

I would like to thank all those present. First and foremost, President Clinton for his vital initiative. He proved not only his leadership of the free world, but he has also shown himself as a great facilitator of peace as a new agenda. I thank the co-sponsor, President Yeltsin, whose presence here expresses his commitment to a new era.

My gratitude goes to our host, President Mubarak of Egypt, first to make peace, who offered the beauty of Sharm e-Sheikh as an invitation to a new political landscape. My appreciation is extended to the leaders of Europe and Asia, who helped to realize peace in the Middle East and continue to do so.

I also greet the leaders of the Arab countries present here, and would like to say that Israel, as it proved in its negotiations with the Palestinians, is resolved not to dominate others. Israel does not seek to gain territory. Israel has proved that science is more important than territory. We can attain more at schools today than what we could conquer previously on the battlefield.

We are not here out of fatigue or weakness. We are here out of a moral preference and a sense of strength. Let your children and our children know a future of peace. Let them march, safe and sound, through the gates of the next century, free of fear, equipped with knowledge and wisdom, into a new era for mankind.

In the words of the Bible, "See, I have set before you today, life and good and death and evil... I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing - therefore choose life!" Ladies and gentlemen, we have chosen life! Let us all unite to wipe out the curse of terror and to receive the blessing of peace. (Government Press Office)

Four-hour meet ends in pledge of support

The following is the final statement issued yesterday by the co-chairmen of the international conference to support the Middle East peace process in the face of militant violence. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and US President Bill Clinton issued the statement on behalf of summit participants at the end of the four-hour meeting.

THE Summit of Peacemakers has just concluded. This meeting took place at a time when the peace process confronts serious threats. The summit had three fundamental objectives: to enhance the peace process, to promote security, and to combat terror.

Accordingly, the participants here today:

* Express their full support for the Middle East peace process, and their determination that this process continue in order to accomplish a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace in the region.

* Affirm their determination to promote security and stability and to prevent the enemies of peace from achieving their ultimate objective of destroying the real opportunity for peace in the Middle East.

* Reemphasize their strong condemnation of all acts of terror in all its abhorrent forms, whatever its motivation, and whoever its perpetrator, including recent terrorist attacks in Israel, consider them alien to the moral and spiritual values shared by all the peoples of the region and reaffirm their intention to stand staunchly against all such acts, and to urge all governments to join them in this condemnation and opposition.

To that end, we decided:

(A) To support the Israel-Palestinian agreements, the continuation of the negotiating process, and to politically and economically reinforce it, to enhance the security situation for both, with special attention to the current and pressing economic needs of the Palestinians.

(B) To support continuation of the negotiating process in order to achieve a comprehensive settlement.

(C) To work together to promote security and stability in the region by developing effective and practical means of cooperation and further assistance.

(D) To promote coordination of efforts to stop acts of terror on bilateral, regional, and international levels; ensuring investigators of such acts are brought to justice; supporting efforts by all parties to prevent their territories from being used for terrorist purposes; and preventing terrorist organizations from engaging in recruitment, supplying arms, or fund raising.

(E) To exert maximum efforts to identify and determine the sources of financing for these groups and to cooperate in cutting them off, and by providing training, equipment, and other forms of support to those taking steps against groups using violence and terror to undermine peace, security, or stability.

(F) To form a working group, open to all summit participants, to prepare recommendations on how best to implement the decisions contained in this statement through ongoing work, and to report to the participants within 30 days.

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Detailed information on areas of priority, conditions applying to submission of applications, and budgetary details are available at the research authorities of the research institutes and at the Ministry of Science.

Proposals must be submitted to the Ministry of Science on the appropriate form, in 15 copies, not later than May 30, 1996.

The Ministry will appoint a professional panel for each research area announced in this notice (Micro-Electronics, Advanced Materials, Electro-Optics, Telecommunications).

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Open Letter - A Renewed Question by a Christian Correspondent to President Clinton

Dear Mr. President,

Have you come up yet with an answer to the question addressed to you at your Jerusalem press conference in October 1994, when the undersigned reminded you that Genesis 17:8 ff. says God gave Israel "all the Land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession," and that in Leviticus 25:23 He forbade her from ever selling it; asking how peace could be served by the United States "inducing [seducing] Israel to defy the Almighty by selling vital parts of this holy land for Arafat's paper promises of peace." The record has shown since that his promises of "peace" are as void of any intention of peace with Israel as were his promises to Lebanon, which the PLO destroyed, or as void of any hope of peace as may be found in your State Department's "peace process" delusion that any compromise is possible between the Islamist aim to destroy Israel and the Almighty's Bible-declared aim to restore her.

With all due respect, Sir, if you continue following the State Department "peace" process delusions and their impossibility, how can you not but bring God's judgment, not only on this region, but also on America and your own political career?

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Four-hour meet ends in pledge of support

Conservatively beautiful

FLAIR GREER FAY CASHMAN

NOT every nubile young woman is enamored of the new "less is more" dress code. Certainly those who travel widely in the business world prefer clothes which, though flattering, conceal rather than reveal. Marks & Spencer, which last week unveiled its collection to that sector of the Israeli market which would just as soon shop at Home than descend en masse on London to visit M & S.



Marks and Spencer has some sharp styles that flatter without being revealing.

Staking a claim at the Execution Office

CAVEAT EMPTORI RUTHIE BLUM

VICTORY in the Small Claims Court does not necessarily constitute monetary redress. It's one thing to be awarded money by a judge; quite another to be handed the cash by a debtor. A large number of creditors end up having to pursue their cases beyond the trial.

will list your options - the EO will probably reject unreasonable requests. If the sum awarded in your verdict is very small, for example, having a lien put on real estate would be unreasonable. Also keep in mind that attachment of a lien registered on goods (ikul metaltein) costs a fee of at least NIS 100, and the actual confiscation will cost at least double that amount.

'Adieu' to fancy food in France

ON the front lines of great restaurants that form the pantheon of French gastronomy, the news looks bleak. Gourmet clients who once made reservations a year in advance for the privilege of paying \$200 a head to feast in gilded dining palaces are opting in favor of cheaper tables at local bistros.



Chef Joel Robuchon, shown touring Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market last December, will be closing his Paris restaurant this spring.

Robuchon's honest young rival, Pierre Gagnaire, has drowned in a tureen of red ink. His showpiece, opened two years ago in his hometown of St. Etienne, a suburb south of Lyon, crashed into bankruptcy last month.

Balsamic vinegar: The secret is out

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Arafat's 'no-lose' game

A Jewish joke tells of a pogrom survivor who was asked what his community did to prevent a repetition of the atrocity. 'We tore our clothes, fasted for three days and read psalms for a whole week! We have to show those murderers we mean business!'

If the colorful gathering proved anything, it is that Yasser Arafat, a most remarkable survivor, has managed to maneuver himself into a 'no lose' situation. Of the leaders who assembled at Sharm, no one fits the 'sponsor of terrorism' description more completely than Arafat.

Arafat not only shelters terrorists; he lets them incite, recruit, organize, train, arm, raise funds, and launch operations from areas under his control. This is now indisputable. Even Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who only two days before this year's first bus bombing praised Arafat for the wonderful way he was fighting terrorism, now admits that 'the head of the snake is in Gaza.'

It was the Hamas leadership in Gaza which decided on terrorist strikes and issued operational orders for the bus bombings. It was in Gaza that the Hamas military organization trained suicide bombers and assembled explosives. It was in Gaza that 'the engineer' Yihye Ayyash found shelter until he was killed, and where his successor Mohammed Deif has been living openly. It was in Gaza that Arafat's Preventive Security chief was negotiating with Deif - a close friend - both before and after the first bus bombing.

But Arafat is not just like any other sponsor of terrorism. Unlike leaders who for the sake of appearances and to preserve the option of 'deniability' keep a distance from the killers, Arafat himself elevated Ayyash, an arch-terrorist and mastermind of suicide bombings which killed 50 Israelis, to Palestinian sainthood. He paid Hamas leaders a condolence call after Ayyash's death, and had his army participate in the funeral and fire a 21-gun salute in the terrorist's honor.

Nor has Arafat 'crossed the Rubicon' in his attitude to Hamas, as Peres asserted yesterday. He may now have television cameras accompany his police as they round up the usual suspects. And this time he may keep them in jail until after the elections rather than only for a week. But in the inauguration of the Palestinian Council he again praised Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, and repeated his charge that 'Israeli extremists' were behind the suicide bombings.

Arafat's relationship with Hamas is similar to that of Syrian dictator Hafez Assad's relationship with Hizbullah. Hamas, like Hizbullah, receives financing, arms and political support from Iran. (And it also gets substantial support from Saudi Arabia, one of the conference participants.) But neither Hizbullah nor Hamas could function without the tacit and often open support of the armed forces in their respective lands. In Hizbullah's case it is the Syrian army. In Hamas's it is the Palestinian security services.

To say that both these terrorist organizations are against peace with Israel is to state the obvious. But they are not opposed to the current stage of the Oslo process. They may object to Arab recognition of Israel, and to a final settlement which recognizes Israel's legitimacy. But they have nothing against Israel's continued withdrawal from Arab population centers. On the contrary. If they felt that their actions would jeopardize this withdrawal, they would stop them.

What Hamas hopes to achieve, then, is not a halt to the peace process, but to get credit for causing Israel's withdrawal. The Palestinians perceive Israel's willingness to recognize the PLO and withdraw from the territories not as a generous gesture, but as a forced retreat caused by the intifada and terrorism. By killing Israelis while Israel retreats, Hamas hopes to claim that it was its actions, not Arafat's negotiations which have caused the 'liberation' of Palestine.

What brought the West and the Arab world to Sharm e-Sheikh is the fear that this time Hamas has overdone it. They worry that Israelis, concluding that getting blown to bits in buses is not the kind of peace they envisioned when the Oslo agreement was signed, will vote for the Likud, which opposes this agreement. Having bet on Arafat, the world community wants Israel to continue negotiating with him. In fact, Israel may now be urged to accelerate the process rather than suspend it.

Arafat's position is therefore invincible. Even Deputy Chief of Military Intelligence Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, whose description of Arafat's collaboration with Hamas shocked members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee earlier this week, has stated that there is no substitute for supporting Arafat. Otherwise, he said, there will be chaos.

At least some Israelis may find it difficult to imagine what can be more chaotic than losing 213 men, women, and children to terrorism in a period of 31 months. And President Clinton may want to ponder that, in per capita terms, this is equivalent to losing 10,000 Americans to terror attacks. Somehow, one suspects that if such disasters struck the US, the American people would not be pacified by the mindless platitudes of Sharm e-Sheikh.



The rescue mission

Greatest show on earth

Has any democratic country ever witnessed such wild swings in public opinion as Israel during these past weeks? From a lead of 20 percent in the polls enjoyed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres over his Likud rival Binyamin Netanyahu, we now see Netanyahu nosing ahead.

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

Despite its frustration at being 'blinded,' the GSS finally pinpointed the house where the soldier was being held: on the outskirts of Jerusalem, a few kilometers from his home.

It would be easy to conclude that Israel's democracy rests on very shaky foundations indeed. But the strains on its body politic are surely unique. The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin followed by suicide bombings that claimed the lives of 61 bus passengers and pedestrians can hardly be termed small disruptions in the nation's daily life.

soldiers arresting Hamas 'activists' appear daily, part of a government-supported campaign evident in briefings to foreign reporters.

Persistent efforts to have Deif extradited to Israel drew a blank. His buddy Dahlan wouldn't have permitted it.

All this is going on despite the fact that Peres has secret data from his own intelligence sources stressing the close coordination that exists between Hamas leaders and PLO officials, particularly in Gaza.

IN A bid to save Arafat's face - and the government's - the scenario was put forward of there being two divergent trends in Hamas: a 'moderate' wing pulling against a tough extremist one.

It was the repercussions of these events that led three diverse individuals, fearful for their political future, to stage-manage a circus in Sharm el-Sheikh billed as an 'anti-terrorism conference', as though terror was some deadly virus suddenly descended from Mars to threaten life on earth.

The anti-terror conference was a circus. And Arafat as a noble fighter against Hamas is a soap opera

This idea betrays total ignorance of the inner workings and tight discipline of the organization. There is no room for democratic debate at any level. No matter how senior the Hamas member, he would not dream of questioning, let alone debating, any command.

We have learned that this grandiose rescue operation was the brainchild of the most vulnerable man in the trio, Peres, whose lifelong dream of being elected prime minister seems well-nigh shattered. Peres recruited President Clinton to ensure that world leaders would attend, assuring him that he would enhance the president's prestige by openly supporting his bid for reelection back home.

cials and leading figures is pure soap opera. One PLO police officer told me: 'Sure we arrest people... The Israeli government... freed not tens, not hundreds, but thousands of our most heroic fighters from their prisons for political reasons. The Israeli public had nothing to say. So we also release people from prison after trials. We are more efficient than the Israelis. We release them much quicker.'

Though this was made clear to Peres, his reaction was to suggest that Arafat be given 'one more chance' to prove he really wants to discipline Hamas. A vain hope. Intelligent sources have made it clear that Dahlan knew of the recent spate of suicide bombings in advance, and possibly even when they were going happen. However, he has more important things on his mind. He was picking up a fee of 20 percent of the value of every truckload of produce crossing between Gaza and Israel, and a fee from every bus and taxi taking customers across the border. For him it was no more than an irritant to have this lucrative business interrupted for a period while the border was sealed. He knew full well that it was merely a setback on the road to making his fortune.

According to The Washington Post, Clinton's sole purpose in attending the conference was to ensure the defeat of the Likud in Israel's elections. For a Peres defeat would kill the Oslo accord stone-dead, ruining Clinton's claim to have brought peace to the region - an important facet of his image as an internationally successful statesman and leader.

And how's this for a charade? Mohammed Dahlan and Mohammed Deif are two major terrorists, both former prisoners sentenced to long periods in Israeli jails. Dahlan is now Arafat's security chief in Gaza and a close friend of Deif, a top Hamas chieftain in the same area.

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We have also learned that Clinton's aides are urging him to pardon Jonathan Pollard, convinced that it would be a feather in Peres's cap. It must be done soon, however, they warn. Too near to the elections it might boomerang, appearing as nothing more than a last-minute attempt to influence the Israeli voter.

Deif is known to Israeli authorities as the man who organized the 1994 kidnapping of Israeli soldier Nachshon Wachsman. This knowledge led Yitzhak Rabin to surmise at the time that the kidnapped soldier was being held in Gaza.

An ironic footnote to yesterday's anti-terror parody: it was held in a far-flung location in the Sinai Peninsula because President Mubarak didn't dare host it in Cairo, lest his own fundamentalist terrorists make a supreme effort to blow up a gathering of world leaders in his capital.

In the meantime, the media are making a tremendous attempt to get world opinion to believe Arafat is working overtime to crush Hamas in the areas he controls. Pictures of helmeted Israeli

Because the prime minister had ordered the General Security Service not to rely on its own informants but obtain its information from Arafat's security chiefs, several critical days passed without the GSS getting any information about the missing man.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUTHFUL REPORTING

Sir, - For a long time now I have been irritated by the sly insinuations and hearsay evidence that form the basis of the articles of Messrs. Dan and Eisenberg, including the story about the harassment of poor innocent girls who feared arrest, assault and battery by the police, as 'has happened to so many others in Hebron.'

TOO MUCH GORE

Sir, - What kind of people are those who congregate at the site of a terrorist explosion and hamper the work of the police and medics? And what kind of people are the media photographers and interviewers who push their cameras right into the faces of weeping mothers and children and lovingly pan their cameras where there is the most blood and gore?

PRIMA DONNA

Sir, - As a newcomer to Israel, it has been my dubious privilege to observe David Levy in action. Clearly his present concerns are for himself and not for Israel. I concur with Sarah Honig's 'With friends like Levy, who needs enemies' (March 1), that David Levy would be a liability rather than an asset to the Likud. Levy, to date, comes across as a prima donna extraordinaire and a maverick who consistently employs emotional and political blackmail to achieve his personal and political ends.

The authors are not known for their respect for truthful reporting: in their book The Mossad, they have Jewish children making their way to prayers at the Western Wall in 1961 (!).

Is there anyone in this country who needs to go through this added trauma? Let them give these pictures to the foreign media, let the rest of the world see what we are going through in the name of this so-called peace process, but let us act with dignity and restraint.

Sir, - The political right is repeatedly accused of offering no alternative to the 'peace process.' Jonathan Blass (March 5), in 'No time for niceties,' presents a practical alternative which would also restore the country's self-esteem.

On page 134, they claim that Wolfgang Lotz became an expert equestrian and horse trainer in Ben Shemen. I was a classmate of his in Ben Shemen and the only horse in the place was a plough horse named 'Armon'; all the rest were mules.

With all due respect, before seeking further office, Levy should closely examine his true motives for entering politics. Israel desperately needs statesmen, not self-serving autocrats. Levy must forego blackmail in his pursuit of a 'position' and explain to the Likud and the people of Israel why he more than others is suited to be one of our leaders.

Jerusalem. KEVIN E. ABRAMS

THE WRITERS ARE AUTHORS OF THE MOSSAD: SECRETS OF THE ISRAELI SECRET SERVICE AND OTHER BOOKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

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Jerusalem. ARLEEN KLINE

Bostan HaGalil.

Jerusalem.

Givatayim.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



How does one get a 1,500-square-meter carpet that weighs 1.8 tons through the front door? A dozen porters were called upon last week to sloop the Scottish wool carpet into the Tel Aviv Hilton, for its refurbished Grand Ballroom.

Hear no evil

ALOUPH HAREVEN

Grandfathers and fathers of families. Boys and girls of school age. A blind man going to work. A deaf-mute Armenian on his way to church. A religious woman tourist from Ethiopia. A woman community worker from Beit Jala. Romanian laborers working here to support their families. A mother and her daughter out to buy wedding clothes for the granddaughter.

These are only a few of the victims of random murder carried out at the instigation of Islamic religious leaders. It is these leaders who, in the name of God, have presumed to make themselves almighty over the lives of human beings about whom they know nothing, and whom they have never met.

It is they who have turned God the Merciful and the Compassionate into an idol to whom they arbitrarily sacrifice children, parents and grandparents, giving them not even one minute's chance to protest their innocence. Surely this is not religion, but a travesty of religion. Surely this is not a faith which declares that all human beings are created in the image of God, but a denial of God's creation.

These good, humane, Islamic leaders who perceive all this might be a majority - but unhappily we do not hear their combined voices. Rather than confront the evil sprouting in their midst, they prefer silence (indifference?).

This silence isn't golden. Where are the voices of humane Islamic leaders?

Rather than declare aloud to their communities the difference between true Islam and an Islam that rejects the belief that all of us are created in God's image, they remain reticent and noncommittal. Their implicit message is: We aren't responsible, so leave us alone. Don't bother us.

Yet because of their silence, tragedy will engulf us in widening turmoil. For violence breeds violence, and human sacrifice by one people leads to human sacrifice by another people.

Only Islamic religious leaders, uniting in large numbers, can stop the oncoming tragedy. By remaining silent, as most of them have done, they are hastening the disaster that a small group of death worshippers are bringing upon their entire people.

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Pooh's Corner of England

By Brenda Warner Rotzoll
Chicago Sun-Times

HARTFIELD, England—Night was falling, the road signs didn't mention my destination, the engine kept dying and oncoming traffic on the narrow road repeatedly forced me toward a shoulder that wasn't there, scraping the car against an earthen bank.
Why was I in the middle of nowhere with the left half of the car smeared with mud, my face pale, teeth grinding, hands slippery with perspiration? It was all the fault of books.
Once again literature was charting my travel course. Lots of literature. A lifetime of English history books plus Nigel Calder's *The English Channel*, a Georgette Heyer historical romance set in Kent and Sussex, A.A. Milne's children's books and, the clincher, Susan Allen Toth's new *England As You Like It*.
I was hooked when Toth said Milne used a real forest for his setting of the Winnie-the-Pooh books and people could go there, and play Poohsticks on the very bridge where Pooh invented that beguiling game.
I had to be in England to take the London-to-Paris train through

the EuroTunnel beneath the English Channel. Why not see the sights near the Channel's Folkestone entry point, commune with Pooh and Tigger and Piglet and their pals, and see the remains of the Cinque Ports, England's great defense ports of the Middle Ages, most of which have since become landlocked or fallen into the sea.

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Along the way I could make a pilgrimage to Canterbury cathedral. I'd keep costs down by renting the cheapest car, and doing my London travel by Underground instead of by taxi.
Penny-pinching was a mistake. Cheap cars in Britain have slick shift, and while I'm used to it, with the controls on the wrong side of the steering column I kept turning on the windshield wipers instead of the turn signals, and killing the engine. Next time I'll pay for

automatic shift.
Traveling from Heathrow into London by Underground cost about \$5, compared with \$9.30 for the airport bus to Victoria Station, or about \$60 by taxi. Trouble was, I'd forgotten all those stairs between platforms. Thankfully kind gentlemen saw me bumping my wheeled suitcase up the steps and carried it up for me or I might still be changing trains at South Kensington.

WINNIE-THE-POOH

"Once upon a time, a very long time ago now, about last Friday, Winnie-the-Pooh lived in a forest all by himself under the name of Sanders," A.A. Milne wrote in the opening chapter of his first Pooh book. In the book it was simply *The Forest*. In real life, it is Ashdown Forest, near Milne's Hartfield home.
England hasn't many forests. Ashdown, more like patchy woodland to my spoiled Wisconsin eye, has lots of heath, with heather and gorse and milkwort and bellflowers and marsh gentians, beneath a canopy of oak, birch, alder and beech. More than a thousand deer roam its 6,400 acres, laced with horseback riding trails (and lots of horse droppings, walk warily).
I parked in one of numerous roadside parking areas and walked in the better part of a mile, through woods, down a little road, past a

farm and down a lane to Pooh Bridge. Along the way I picked up twigs to play Poohsticks, the game where two or more people drop twigs from the upstream side of a bridge and rush to the other side to see whose twig comes out first.
There was no one in sight until I reached the bridge, where Anne Waldron and Monica Cecil of nearby Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells were enjoying their monthly outing and lamenting that they had no sticks. I shared mine and we happily dashed back and forth across the narrow wooden bridge, laughing like giddy young girls.
If you go, wear your heaviest walking shoes. The paths are muddy, lumpy and riddled with roots. To find Pooh Bridge, drive to Hartfield and for 40 cents buy a hand-drawn map at Pooh Corner, a point of pilgrimage since 1977 for lovers of Winnie-the-Pooh.
This Pooh Corner, combined with Christopher Robin's Sweet Shop, is a little store in a 1690s Queen Anne building with more Pooh things than you ever dreamed existed. There are window pictures, coasters, tea towels, cups, Pooh alphabet pens, coloring sets, cards and paper, pencils, mugs, notecard files, notebooks, puzzles, clothes, games, posters, boxed miniatures, door plaques, height charts, the inescapable T-shirts, clocks, key chains and framed copies of E.H. Shepard drawings from Milne's works. Strangely, there were no bunny pots and no manifestations of Rabbit or any of his Friends and Relations.
Hungry? Step through an opening to an ice cream parlor.
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Above: Find some twigs and play with a friend.
Left: The way to Pooh Bridge is clearly marked. There you can imagine Christopher Robin, Pooh and Piglet playing Poohsticks.

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Raise Your Glass to Dublin's Literary Legacy

By Sarah Stewart Taylor

A famously gray city, with gray stone buildings, wet rainy weather and residents who dress in varying shades of black, Dublin's charm grows on you.

In the center of Dublin, the soot covered facades of factories and buildings along the River Liffey—the same buildings that writer James Joyce wrote about in *Dubliners*—overwhelm you. And when you walk down the two sides of the river, the rivalry between "north siders" and "south siders" is obvious. The north side is poorer, more dangerous at night, and, north siders say, more authentically "Irish."

With all this pollution and tension, what is it that attracts thousands of visitors to Dublin each year? The repository of significant historical and literary landmarks, it is an obvious stop for any vis-

itor. But Dublin's lure lies beyond that of physical monuments. The atmosphere in Dublin—the same feeling that inspired great writers—is what keeps people coming.

A WRITER'S DUBLIN

In Joyce's time, north Dublin was a grander place than it is today; many of the city's best addresses were on the north side, at places like Parnell Square, where the *Garden of Remembrance* and the *Dublin Writer's Museum* reside. The *Writer's Museum* is worth a visit, though if it's Joyce you're interested in, consider a visit to the *James Joyce Center* on North Great George's Street, where the Monaghan family, descendants of Joyce's on his mother's side, are happy to chat, answer questions and direct you to the numerous Joycean landmarks in the area.

Readers of *Ulysses* will want to see number 7 Eccles Street, the fictional address of Leopold

Bloom and the real address of a friend of Joyce's who reassured the author upon a returning Dublin from abroad that Nora Joyce, the author's wife, had not been having an affair in his absence.

If you walk down Baggot Street, you'll enter what is known as Georgian Dublin. Merrion Square and the surrounding streets boast exquisite examples of Georgian townhouses with their brightly colored doors that typified fashionable Anglo-Irish Dublin. The *National Museum* in Merrion Square offers a good collection of Irish art, including works by Jack B. Keats, brother of the famous poet William B. Yeats. Just off Merrion Square are the government buildings, the *National Library* and the *National Gallery*.

The *National Library* is another stop on the *Ulysses* tour. Readers will remember it as the site of the Scylla and Charybdis chapter, where Stephen holds forth about Shakespeare.

BEYOND BOOKS

The south side of the River Liffey is where most of Dublin's tourist attractions are. You might want to take a walk down the river to the Half penny (pronounced Hay-penny) bridge and enter the Temple Bar neighborhood through the Merchant's Arch.

Temple Bar was once a dingy and dangerous neighborhood famous only for the musicians that utilized its numerous practice studios, but has been revitalized in recent years by an influx of trendy boutiques and galleries. The excellent *Irish Film Center* shows art house films and serves as a resource for budding Irish film maker, of whom there are many. The recent frenzied activity in the Irish film industry is partly responsible for the new vitality in Temple Bar, and on any night of the week, young Neil Jordans (director of *The Crying Game*) and Jim Sheridan (director of *My Left Foot*) can be found imbibing at one of the many pubs in the area. Have a pint of Guinness at the Temple Bar or The Norseman and enjoy the "craic"—an Irish word for good atmosphere and good company.

Exit Temple Bar on Dame Street and you'll find the imposing facade of Trinity College on the right. Trinity is a popular destination for the more adventuresome sons and daughters of Oxford and Cambridge graduates.

There's an array of tourist activities at Trinity, but don't be swayed by the giant signs proclaiming the "Dublin Experience." It's a multimedia bore. You're much better off with a tour from the Trinity history students who will show you around and give you a free Irish history lesson, including background on the founding of the university and the many famous Irishmen who have attended over the years. Check when the tours leave at the booth just inside the front gate.

The Book of Kells is one of Dublin's most famous sites. The Celtic renderings are impressive, but the small room in the old Trinity library where the books are kept and the impossibly long lines make the visit an ordeal. If you do brave the crowds, make sure to go upstairs to the Long Room on your way out. The old library houses books that



Above Left: Enjoy "craic" at the Temple Bar. Left: Dublin Writer's Museum is located at Parnell Square on Dublin's North Side.

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CELTIC SOJOURN

Irish Festival Tours introduces visitors to the Emerald Isle's culture, song and soul. The company has four different tours scheduled between May and September 1996.

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"Grandparents & Grandchildren Tour," July 11-21, visits Dublin, Avoca, Waterford, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, the Burren and Galway. Cost is \$2,299 per adult, \$1,899 for children 12 to 16 and \$1,699 for kids under 12.

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These rates include round-trip airfare on Aer Lingus from New York/Eastern to Shannon/Dublin, round-trip transportation in Ireland, all hotel accommodations, daily breakfast, tips, lunches and gratuities. Prices will vary depending on departure location.

For more information, contact Paddy Clancy, co-founder of Irish Festival Tours, in addition to visiting their website and local pubs, participants can follow the music of local musicians.

SEE BRITAIN

Look for new passes and services in the "BritRail '96" brochure.

The BritRail Senior Pass, available to travelers 60 and over, now offers a 15 percent discount off the adult first-class BritRail Pass. Moreover, children accompanying an adult or senior can get a pass of the same type and duration for free.

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FYI: Irish Festival Tours, (001) 212/675-3117.

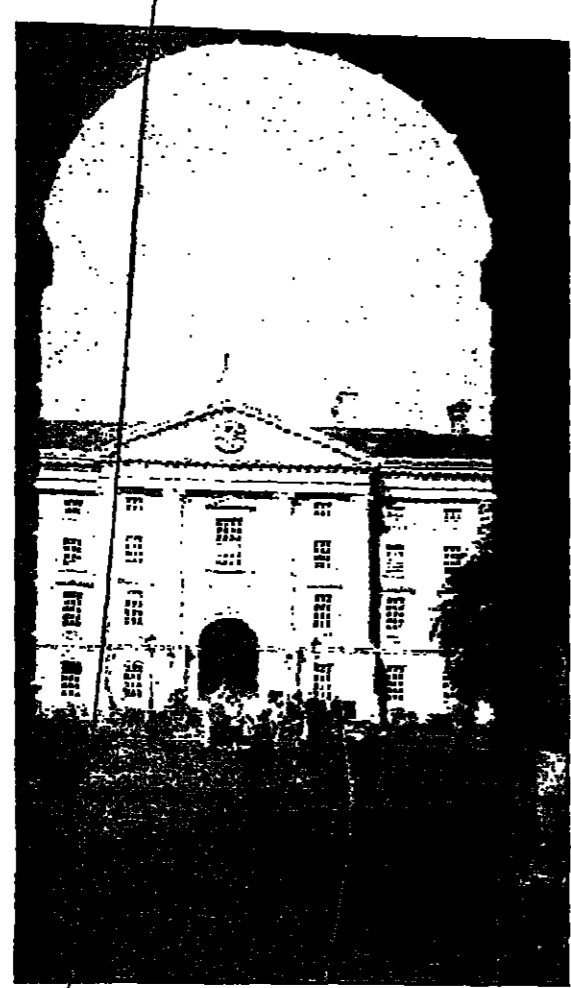
For those who prefer fully escorted tours, BritRail's new eight-night "Rail Britannia" tour makes a huge loop through Great Britain. It starts in London, heads southwest to Exeter, then stings in the Cotswolds before heading north through Wales and the Lake District all the way to the Scottish Highlands before working south through Edinburgh and York back to London.

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Sign is here just inside the gates of Trinity College for a tour of Dublin with history students.

are several hundreds of years old and gives you a feel for what it must have been like to study at Trinity in the 18th century. Tourists can also have a pint at The Buttery, Trinity's student pub. This is a great place to rest your feet, people watch or to get a cheap lunch.
The National Gallery has a superb collection of Celtic art, including the Tara brooch and other pieces of early Irish goldwork, along with a fine gift shop.
South of Trinity is Grafton Street, a pedestrian shopping area that teems with musicians, vendors, students and business people. Visit Brown Thomas, an old Dublin shopping institution and skip the St. Stephen's Green Center, a run-of-the-mill shopping mall at the bottom of the street, next to St. Stephen's Green. The Green itself is a beautifully manicured park with a duck pond and garden where Dubliners sit or feed the ducks on nice days.

HOW ABOUT A STOUT?

Harry Street, off Grafton Street, is home to McDaid's, the narrow little pub where Irish wiser and drinker Brendan Behan spent much of his time. It is also where a famous exchange is rumored to have taken place between Behan and the Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh. Behan, it seems, had a bit too much to drink and made a remark about Kavanagh being a second rate poet. "Yes," Kavanagh replied. "Aren't we all since Homer?"

Another good pub is Donoghue's on Baggot Street at the northeastern tip of St. Stephen's Green. O'Donoghue's boasts the best pint of Guinness in the city and locals mostly concur. This is also one of the best places to hear traditional music in the city. The jukeboxes and Irish institution, used to play here, and their portraits still adorn the walls. Make sure to arrive early for a seat, especially on the weekends.

Traditional music is one of the most magical things about Dublin and there are scores and scores of excellent places to hear it played. Try Beal Bock, named for the Flann O'Brien novel of the same name. Searson's on Lower Baggot Street has traditional Irish set dancing a couple of nights a week—a lot of fun even if you don't feel up to joining in.

If you're interested in modern art, wait until you get to London or Paris. Though Ireland has produced more than its fair share of modernist writers, it is lacking in the modern visual arts. Visit the Modern Art Museum in Kilmainham, but spend the bulk of your time at the Kilmainham Gaol, an old prison which is now a museum celebrating the 1916 Easter Rising in which a small band of revolutionaries declared independence from Britain and were promptly arrested and executed. The myth of Easter 1916 is an integral component of modern Irish history. The museum does a good job of explaining the build up of the independence movement and evoking the long, painful road to independence in 1922.

In close proximity to Dublin there are a number of interesting day trip North of the city, at the top of Dublin Bay, is Howth, a picturesque seaside town with lots of good seafood restaurants. Take a hike around Howth Head, especially beautiful in the springtime when the rhododendrons are in bloom and then fill up on just-caught fish at the King
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IN IRELAND, NAMES MATTER

By Ron Butler

Kilkenny, Ireland—I didn't come to Ireland to find my roots, but they found me.

Upon arriving in this picturesque town of 15,000 inhabitants (75 miles from Dublin by car), strange, wonderful things began to happen. People were opening doors for me. Pretty ladies smiled. Little kids followed me down the street.

The reason for the attention perplexed me. Was it my suit? White suits conjure up thoughts of far away places and interesting people: Hong Kong, Bombay, Panama City, the Deep South, Tennessee Williams, Faulkner, Jay Gatsby, Bogart in Casablanca, Mark Twain. But that wasn't it at all.

All the attention, I soon discovered, was because of my name—Butler. Kilkenny, with its great castle steeped in history, has been the principal seat of the far-reaching Butler family for more than 600 years.

Kilkenny Castle, situated in the heart of this historic and picturesque city, overlooking the fabled River Nore, was built by William the Elder in 1172. It became Butler property in 1391 when James Butler, 3rd Earl of Ormonde, purchased it after the previous occupant suffered financial setbacks and was forced to leave Ireland. The castle has been the key stronghold of the Butler family, Earls and Dukes of Ormonde, the most powerful family in Ireland, from 1391 until the present day.

So if your name happens to be Butler and you're in Kilkenny, it's almost automatically "Guinness on the house." Talk about Irish luck.

Along with its Butlers, Kilkenny is famous for its pubs, so many in fact that the Irish refer to Kilkenny as "the oasis of the southeast." I visited a few. I stopped in Maggie Holland's Caislean Uí Chuain, Fennelly's, Grogan's on the Bridge and the Court Arms. After that, I lost track of their names. My white suit was a shambles and somewhere during a rousing rendition of "Danny Boy" I lost my notebook.

Pubs (from publicks or public houses) are a national institution in Ireland. In Kilkenny, as in most Irish towns, they form the center of social life. It's the average man's clubhouse, a place to meet his friends or find new ones, match wits with his enemies, and forget the cares and problems of the day by washing them all away with a creamy pint of Guinness stout.

Stout (also called porter plain) is the national drink of Ireland; the national weakness is having "just one more." There's a saying here that goes, "A bird never flew on one wing."

There's another saying: An Irishman is the only man in the world who will climb over the bodies of a dozen naked women in order to get a bottle of stout.

My father was Irish, of course. His family came from nearby Waterford where the famous crystal is made. Born in New York, he always dreamed of visiting Ireland but never made the journey. Instead, he spent a good part of his life visiting all the bars and taverns in eastern Connecticut where we lived, in search of his mystical past.

Kilkenny Castle, restored in recent years to reflect much of its historic grandeur, is the jewel in the city's crown. A wing of the former servants' quarters is now the Butler Art Gallery where, along with changing shows of contemporary art, family portraits abound. The old Castle Kitchen operates as a restaurant during the summer.

Around the castle is a 50-acre park with a children's play area and lush green lawns. Nowhere in the world are lawns greener or better kept than in Ireland. The castle's former stables house the Design Workshop where woolens, sweaters, linens, porcelain, glass, kitchenware and other Irish handicrafts are sold. The Tourist Information Office is here as well.

Another major point of interest is St. Canice's Cathedral, dating back to the 13th century. One of Ireland's most beautiful, it has a superb round tower, part of which—100 feet or so—is open to



The crown jewel of Kilkenny, Butler Castle is steeped in history. Photos courtesy of the Irish Tourist Board

visitors. During the 17th century, Cromwell plundered the city, desecrating the church and smashing its stained glass windows and baptismal font. Horses were stabled inside.

Kilkenny is also the site of the St. Francis Abbey Brewery, built around the shell of a 13th century Greyfriar's abbey, one of Ireland's oldest.

Too bad my father, who never had a white suit, couldn't have joined me. Misty, wistful Ireland, with its tall stories and strong drink and fair maidens. Perhaps we could have crossed the edge then,

one to the other, to finally view life through the very same eyes.

Ron Butler is a freelance travel writer.

IF YOU GO

Aer Lingus is Ireland's national flag carrier with daily flights. Prices range, depending on time of purchase and length of stay. Check with travel agent for low-cost charter flights. Kilkenny can be reached by train from Dublin, via Dublin-Waterford line.

Where to Stay:

The Newpark Hotel on Castlecomer Road (from \$80 per double) has one of the top-rated dining rooms in town. Also outstanding is the 60-room Kilkenny Hotel on College Road (from \$100), with tennis court and indoor pool.

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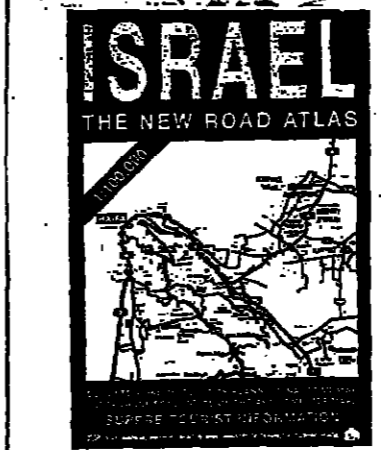
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Pubs: The Average Man's Clubhouse

When Stephen Dedalus pondered the impossibility of crossing Dublin without passing a pub, he wasn't kidding. In Ireland's capital city, pubs (from "public house") are everywhere. To the first-time visitor, it seems incredible that such a small city could fill up so many of them. But Irish pubs are more than just places to drink. They serve as social clubs, lecture halls, day-care centers and boardrooms. The wonderful thing about them is the fantastic cross-section of society you'll find sitting at the dark, wooden tables on almost any day of the week or year. Elderly ladies with glasses of whiskey, kids with orange sodas and bags of crisps (potato chips), business people doing lunch and poets working on the next big work.

Tips for a successful pub visit:

1. "Crack" is the Irish word for "good times," not a controlled substance.
2. Irish pubs can seem like bastions of masculinity, but if you're a woman, don't worry. You're very welcome.
3. If you're with a group of people, try to grab a "smug," one of the booths that are tucked away in little rooms next to the bar. In times past, these were for women. Nowadays, anyone's free to use them.
4. Irish people tend to drink in rounds—one person buying for everyone, then someone else doing the same. If you want to pay for your own, say so.
5. Irish bartenders (or waiters) don't expect you to tip, but they won't complain if you do.
6. "Oisín Guinness" means a pint of the black stuff. If you just want a glass, ask for a half.



Dublin's charm lies in the streets, in the people.

Photo courtesy of the Irish Tourist Board.

Sarah Taylor lives in Dublin for two years and now works as a freelance writer.

Dublin From page 3

Critic or the charming Casa Pasta. South of the city is Sandycove, home to the Martello Tower where Steven Dedalus and Buck

Mulligan find themselves in the opening pages of *Ulysses*. Joyce actually lived in the tower with the writer and sometime politician, Oliver St. John Gogarty. Today, the tower houses a Joyce museum. Look through the letters and photographs on hand and then enjoy the view from the top of the tower.

No trip to Dublin would be complete without a drive to Johny Fox's, about 30 minutes outside of the city. As you drive up the winding mountain roads, the air grows thinner and cooler, all around pasture land rises to the sky. Just when you think you must have missed it, that there couldn't be a restaurant in what

looks like the middle of nowhere, you come upon the low, whitewashed building. Inside, it is warm and welcoming. The sound of a fiddle carries through the labyrinthine rooms and voices ring out, laughing and calling for another round, another plate of Fox's famous crab claws. All that is good about Ireland

Pooh From page 1

Hungrier? Walk three doors down the street to Stairs Farm Tea Shop, where I looked out leaded-glass windows across green hills while I devoured chicken and leak pie with potatoes, cauliflower, zucchini and peas, and a pot of tea with scones, strawberry jam and thick cream, for \$11.50.

CANTERBURY

Today's pilgrim goes by car, bus or train to Canterbury. I chose the train, not wanting to drive after a long plane trip. Canterbury has two stations, east and west, both of which are reached from London's Victoria Station. Take the Dover Priory train stopping at Canterbury East for the more scenic approach to the town, a 10-minute walk along the top of the old walled fortifications. It's the same distance

from the west station, same fare, same ticket. I was continuing to Dover, where I would rent a car for three days, so I bought a five-day return ticket, London to Dover, for \$29.60. Such tickets can't be used until after 9:30 a.m. You may hop on and off the train anywhere along the line until you reach your final destination. It's about 90 minutes from London to Canterbury and another 30 to Dover. The cathedral is the heart of Canterbury, but there is much more going on within the walls of this bustling town, historically a staging post on the route from London to the port of Dover. Poet and dramatist Christopher Marlowe was born here in 1564, in a house destroyed by bombs in 1942. Charles Dickens loved the place and sent David Copperfield to school here in the novel of that name. And the Clerk of the Works who oversaw rebuilding of the cathedral nave in the 14th century was a poet named Geoffrey Chaucer. The characters of Chaucer's poems are moderately moneymakers at the Canterbury Tales Visitor

Attraction and Gift Shop in a medieval church in St. Margaret's Street. It's dark, moderately interesting, costs \$7, and I fled in 20 minutes, driven out by the amazing stench of the ancient structure. Just walking the streets and seeing the old buildings is a treat, if you can do so without tripping over your fellow pilgrims. These days most of them come to see, and buy souvenirs. But for centuries pilgrims came to pray at Canterbury Cathedral and seek intercession from St. Thomas a Becket, the archbishop murdered on the altar steps by henchmen of King Henry II. Becket had made the mistake of upholding the authority of the church against power grabs by Henry. The cathedral is the mother church of Anglican Christians, seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England. It is filled with richly made tombs in many materials, and its windows are made of some of the world's finest stained glass, both medieval and modern. Don't miss Erwin Bossanyi's wonderful modern window representing Peace Among the Nations of the World.

genre. (Don't blame her for the mostly poor imitations who flourish today—Heyer was a noted historian and got things right, as well as writing entertainingly.) The two most notable are Rye, now miles inland, and Dover, the only one still a seaport. We remember Hastings because of the Battle of Hastings, but actually that 1066 conflict was fought six miles inland at what is now the town of Battle. The dominant feature there is Battle Abbey, a sprawling grey stone wreck that overlooks the fields where William the Conqueror led his Norman French forces to victory over the Saxon King Harold. Today, sheep graze placidly on the field where William's Norman cavalry hacked Harold's forces to pieces. Rye, twice burned down by the French, stands on a hill surrounded by salt marshes that have cut it off from the sea.

You can drive all the way around Rye on the flat before parking the car and climbing up, up, up over break-neck cobbles to the top. There, climb the tower of St. Mary the Virgin church for a view of the surrounding countryside. Forget it if you're more than average weight. I could barely squeeze through one of the stone passages to the bell-ringing chamber. See the Land Gate, the Ypres Tower and Rye Museum, and start down Mermaid Street past the Mermaid Inn where those murderous cutthroats the Hawkhurst smuggling gang used to hang out. A few hundred feet more and you're down on The Quay (actually a street) at the Tourist Information Centre. It houses my favorite discovery of the trip, the Rye town model. In 1973 a retired local school teacher, Joy Harland, decided to make a scale model of St. Mary's church, working in foam plastic. She liked it so much she made a few more buildings. Two years later she had recreated the entire town as it looked in the early 19th century. Her husband, Ted, hollowed it out and wired and lighted it. They wrote a script and recorded a 20-minute sound and light show that recounts, with thunder and lightning, the town history with all its invasions, murders and scandals. Admission is \$3.10. Take the road from Rye to Dover and you cross the Romney Marsh, about 50,000 acres of flat land supporting endless flocks of sheep. In the early 19th century and earlier, the marsh also supported smugglers bringing in prized foreign goods, especially French wines and brandies. Dover today is a town of about 35,000 and a principal ferry port. It is the English town closest to France and has been a major landing place since the Romans built a lighthouse there to guide their troops across the English Channel. There have been settlements in the area since iron age days. Its white cliffs are symbols of homecoming. You can trace its history from Roman times through World War II at the White Cliffs Experience, admission \$7.75. Upstairs is a room built like an old Channel ferry, a recreated wartime street, and a 15-minute show of animated marine figures that the kids will love. The star is Corporal Cmb. He talks, as do clams, seagulls and the cliffs themselves. Since 1181 Dover Castle has loomed atop the cliffs, and since Napoleonic days, there have been tunnels through the cliffs from castle to cliff wall. First built because of a shortage of barracks, they became a refuge from German bombs and shelling in World War II. Today you can take the "Hellfire Corner" tour of the tunnels. Here troops worked and sometimes lived in dripping tunnels 280 feet long, heated only by fireplaces with chimneys carved up through 100 feet of chalk. You can see the reconstructed communications center that controlled artillery and monitored ship traffic throughout the area. Here, from a tiny terrace at the sea end of one tun-

A GARDEN OF DELIGHTS

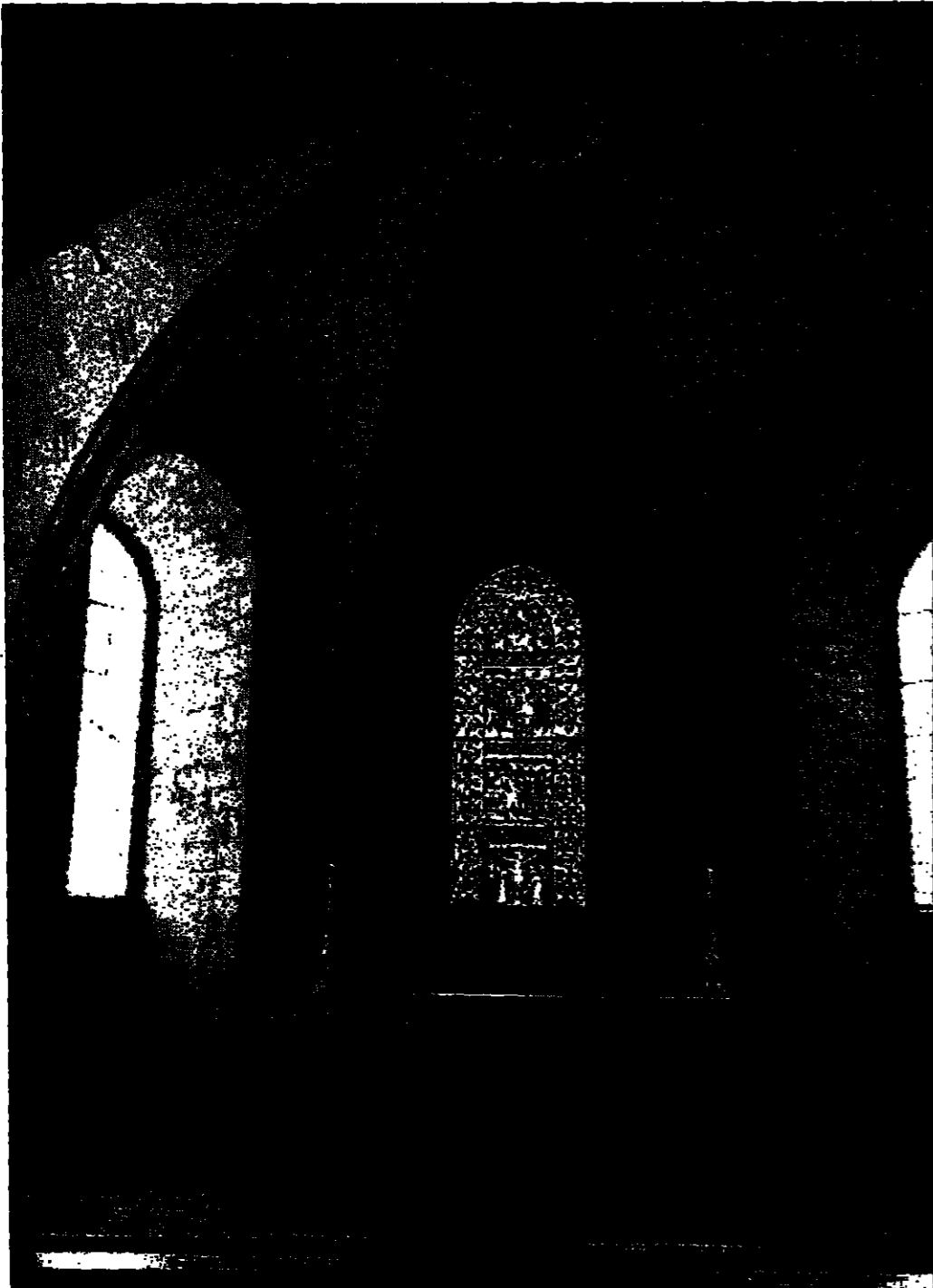
It's the happy accidents that make a trip. While I was packing, a friend called to recommend a Tudor manor where she had stayed in the county of Kent. That's how I wound up eating three splendid desserts at one meal, cooked by our Cordon Bleu-trained hostess, Katherine Morgan. My friend had sent Morgan some hard-to-find baking supplies, and that kind gesture helped me get in on short notice at the Old Cloth Hall in Cranbrook, where normally people have to book months in advance. The house is one of the Wolsey Lodges, a consortium of privately owned homes welcoming visitors. Inside are comfortable beds, vast bathtubs and a baronial living room. Outside are a large swimming pool and farm buildings, including an east house. These round stone buildings with conical roofs dot the Kent landscape. They were built to hold hops for making beer. These days many have been converted to pricey commuter cottages. Morgan checked all my travel plans, called London so I could book a theater ticket, and set me on the right roads each morning. She also persuaded me to skip much-visited Sissinghurst, 10 minutes away, in favor of a new garden in the neighborhood, Pleshley Manor. Sissinghurst is a "closed" garden, set up as a series of outdoor rooms. Pleshley Manor is open, with one landscaped area opening to another for long vistas. Fifteen years ago it was all misty water and native tree, with a walled garden full of goats and pigs. Then James and Angela Sellick bought the Tudor-Georgian manor and set about creating a garden kingdom at Nichehurst in East Sussex. One of the delights is taking tea on the terrace, looking across an open stretch of water past swans and geese to an island set with yew trees and an old temple. Try the homemade shortbread a huge slab is \$1.25. The gardens are open April through September.

THE CINQUE PORTS

The starting point for the whole trip was my desire to see the Romney Marsh, scene of much smuggling in past centuries, and the neighboring Cinque Ports. That's Norman French for five ports, although eventually there were seven: Romney, Dover, Hythe, Dungeness, Rye, Winchelsea and Hastings. They were granted special privileges by the king in exchange for providing ships and men to protect England in the days before the Royal Navy. I first read about them in *The Unknown Ajax* by Georgette Heyer, who invented the Regency Romance

By Car or Train, Getting Around Easier With Tips

You'll see more by car, but gains from London will whisk you everywhere I went, except Pleshley Manor and White-the-Pooh country. Trains to the region is from Victoria Station or Claring Cross. If you're planning your own trip in England or anywhere in western Europe, spend \$27.50 on the Thomas Cook European Timetable, available at travel hot stores or by calling the Forsyth Travel Library in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, at (913) 913/384-3440. If a train exists, it's listed there. Or for \$19.95 there is the slightly light-weight Thomas Cook Timetable for Britain, France and Benelux (Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg). If driving, be aware that roads are narrow and crooked. A distance that might take 20 minutes to cover in the United States will take two or three times as long in England. You'll stay safer and easier if you spend more money and rent a car with automatic shift. Check opening hours before you go, especially in the off season. Many attractions close by 3 p.m. then. General information about southeast England, including trains, buses, attractions and accommodations, is available from various British Tourist Associations. The Old Cloth Hall, Cranbrook, Kent TN11 3NR, England; call (001) 44-1580-71320. Wolsey Lodges, 17 Chapel Street, Brighton, Suffolk IP7 7EP, England, for a free brochure on members, rates, addresses and telephone call (001) 44-1449-741771. Pleshley Manor, Ticehurst, East Sussex TN5 7HE, England, to write for hours, driving directions and special flower festival schedules during the year; call (001) 44-1580-200692. Pooh Corner, High Street, Hartfield, East Sussex TN7 4AE, England; call (001) 44-1892-770453. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays and English Bank Holidays.



Canterbury Cathedral is full of many visual treasures such as fine stained glass, richly made tombs and this elegant space. Photo by Brenda Warner Rotzoll

In the US, God is everywhere

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

DURING his recent tour of the US, Minister-without-Portfolio Rabbi Yehuda Amital was clearly tickled by the country's religiosity. God was everywhere — even on the money.

"Look at this," he said, pointing to the national motto printed on US currency. "In God we trust. We can never talk about God in Israel."

While God often seems ubiquitous in the US, and the country is often viewed as the most religious nation in the Western world, official references to God in mottos and oaths appear to be less about faith than pomp or habit.

Take the currency.

The national motto is a form of "ceremonial deism," a US federal appellate court declared a few weeks ago when it dismissed the latest challenge to the invocation of God on the currency. The motto "cannot be reasonably understood to convey government approval of religious belief."

"Nobody pays it too much attention," said Marc Stern, a lawyer with the American Jewish Congress. "The court is making a social judgment that this motto is a symbolic statement."

Freedom of religion and the separation of church and state are enshrined in the US Constitution; America is supposed to be religiously neutral; some would say aloof.

The fact that "in God we trust" is the national motto doesn't entangle the two, the appellate court ruled. Instead, the motto fosters patriotism and symbolizes the historical role of religion in American society, the court said, without explaining what that means.

George Washington bears a lot of the credit — or blame — for inaugurating many of the official references to God. When he took the oath to become the first president in 1789, he solemnly swore, according to the script, that he would uphold the constitution. Then he added, "So help me God."

What was for Washington an afterthought or an appeal for divine assistance became an informal custom, then an honored tradition. In some states, it became law, although the US Constitution declares that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

That pits federal law against popular opinion. And it is a prickly situation for anyone to point out publicly that official talk about God may be unconstitutional. Rather than being seen as neutral, the naysayers are seen as being antireligious in a country where more than 90 percent of those polled routinely claim to believe in God.

"No politician in his right mind is going to stand up for nonbelievers," said Rob Boston of Americans United for Separation of Church



and State, a nonprofit advocacy organization. "But standing up for God is going to get you a lot of votes."

UNCONSTITUTIONAL though it appears to be, South Carolina state law has a "supreme being" clause. It was used recently against Herb Silverman, a Charleston math professor who was rejected as a notary public — an official who witnesses the signing of legal documents — because he refused to follow Washington's footsteps and say, "So help me God."

He's suing, and legal observers note that the US Supreme Court ruled more than three decades ago that officials cannot be compelled to believe in God.

Bridge a gap with your spouse

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM

DEAR Ruthie, my husband and I belong to a bridge group which meets every Friday night. A neighbor of ours — a sick widow — also belongs to this group. As she cannot drive, and we live close, we usually give her a lift there and back.

My problem is that my husband has a strong aversion to this woman, which makes him reluctant to give her a lift. But I feel sorry for her and don't have the heart to tell her that we can't take her anymore.

This is causing my husband and me to quarrel constantly. My husband is being completely irrational. He is not even willing to compromise.

Short of not going to the bridge game anymore, what can I do? Unable to Bridge the Gap, Somewhere in Israel

Dear Bridgeless,

Your husband's reluctance to have an obligation thrust on him is understandable. What is puzzling is his willingness to spend every Friday night in the company of a woman to whom he has such a strong aversion. Perhaps he's actually looking to escape the bridge sessions altogether.

By putting his foot down at this stage — thereby causing you discomfort — your husband may be acting out some form of hostility to you. The fact that this issue has become a bone of contention in

your marriage is evidence that more than carpooling is at stake.

You can respond by putting your own foot down — on the accelerator, if need be — and let your husband opt to remain at home; or you can arrange an occasional "detour" before and/or after the bridge game, which would serve as an excuse to your passenger (this way she might get into the habit of finding alternate means of transportation); or you can find a different bridge club. Meanwhile, you and your husband have a few marital bridges to build.

Dear Ruthie,

My husband died suddenly almost two years ago, leaving me and my two children devastated. At first, his parents kept in close touch with us. But when our lives resumed some degree of normalcy, they stopped taking any real interest. But then I heard from relatives that my in-laws have been complaining that it was I who distanced myself from them. This is a blatant lie! I want my children to have as much love from their father's side of the family as possible. I never cared much for my in-laws, but now I find myself having to "grovel," even though I did nothing wrong. What can I do?

In-Law Irked, Tel Aviv

Dear II,

Your in-laws' complaints

against you may be no more than general bitterness on their part about having lost a son to untimely death.

Having a daughter-in-law by whom they can feel slighted may be the perfect focal point for their pent-up anger and pain. In any case, if your main concern is your children, groveling a bit is not such a high price to pay.

Dear Ruthie,

My mother is always embarrassing me in front of my friends. At 17, I don't want her coming into my room with "milk and cookies." I've told her about a million times to stop babying me, but it doesn't do any good. I just can't stand inviting anybody over to my house because of her. How can I get her to stop acting like a jerk?

Pestered by Pampering, Cleveland, Ohio

Dear P by P,

Perhaps the tone in which you approach your mother is not conducive to mutual understanding. One way to get her to stop babying you is to stop whining and start engaging in genuine dialogue. (Just don't be too sure your friends aren't secretly delighted to be served snacks in your room.)

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

For E-mail, editors [jpost.co.il] (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter but will answer every letter received.)

New report cards grade 'N'

WHEN Simi Valley, California, parent Coleen Ary saw the new report card two of her children would receive last fall, she was mortified.

Gone were the familiar squares that first- and second-grade teachers filled in with As, Bs, Cs, Ds or Fs. Gone entirely, in fact, were letter grades; those universal symbols of achievement that made students burst with pride or wallow in shame.

Now, 160 academic and social skills — from "holds book upright" to "writes numbers 100-1000" — were listed on the lower-elementary progress reports in the Simi Valley Unified School District. What had been a simple chart with a letter grade and a few lines of teacher comments in reading, writing and arithmetic was a maze of fine print, chock-full of descriptions of what Johnny should be learning in school.

Ary, a former script supervisor and mother of four, felt she needed a decoder: "I sat down and said, what does this mean? Is my child exceptional or does he need work in this area? It's gobbledegook."

Welcome to the brave new world of report-card reform.

Whether in response to public pressure for more accountability or new ideas about how to measure what students ought to know, educators in thousands of elementary and middle schools from California to Florida are taking a hard look at the way they report on students' learning progress to parents.

Increasingly, they have decided that the familiar A-through-F report card just doesn't make the grade.

Kinder and gentler terms — from "emerging" and "beginning" for low-level achievement to "developing" and "early fluency" for higher-level learning — are taking hold. In some cards, the best grade for turning in homework on time and respecting authority has become "... usually." To be avoided are "rarely" and "sometimes."

But tampering with a sacred tradition is asking for trouble. Why deprive a child of the thrill of running home with a card emblazoned with A's, traditionalists ask? Or why let a subpar student get away with "NC," as in "not currently demonstrating this behavior?"

Robbed of the ritual of rewarding their sons and daughters for a

job well done, a parent at one Simi Valley school wailed: "What do I pay my kids for now?" As trivial as that may sound, it goes to the heart of the problem parents have with many of the new progress reports.

"I got four Exceeding Goals" is no match for the back-slapping clarity of "I got straight A's!"

Five years ago, the Los Angeles Unified School District adopted a report card so complex that it came with a 36-page manual for teachers and parents. It was redesigned to give more information and to better reflect new goals in elementary instruction. It replaced letter grades for first through third grades — with S for "area of strength," G for "shows growth," and N for "needs improvement" — and increased the categories assessed in each subject.

REACTION from parents was mixed, while teachers seemed united in frustration. According to a survey last year by the Los Angeles teachers' union, teachers overwhelmingly said the report card was too technical, too time-consuming, and used fuzzy terms to describe progress.

Today schools want to tell parents so much more than just Johnny got an A in reading, writing or arithmetic. Does he read phrases, recognize certain words on sight? Can he write a story from beginning to end? Does he use math to solve real-world problems? Does he understand the concept of cultural diversity?

"The trend in education now is to educate the whole child," said Theresa Winfrey Greenwood, a professor of primary education at Indiana's Ball State University, who has developed a video report card — replete with music and graphics — for the elementary school on campus.

High schools are reluctant to tamper with the traditional grading system, fearful of how colleges would react. But in the lower levels, the revamping of report cards has been motivated by philosophical and practical reasons. Particularly in kindergarten and the primary grades, schools are encouraging children to learn at their own pace, leading many educators to question the usefulness of letter grades at such an early age.

One of the most popular types of new cards is the checklist, which breaks down each academic subject into subcategories of abilities considered essential by the school or district. Teachers may indicate mastery simply by circling the item or placing a check mark or other symbol by it.

Another variation takes a more complex view of achievement, not merely detailing the important skills but grouping them by difficulty level and showing which stage of learning a student has reached. These stages might be numbered or given descriptive labels, such as "emerging," but generally are not graded.

This approach, said Rob Hunter, a principal who helped devise Simi Valley's report card, helps children set their own learning goals in a way that traditional letter grades do not. It also thwarts the competition for grades that many educators believe hinders learning for learning's sake.

Many teachers in Simi Valley praise the new report card, saying it sharpens their efforts and forces them to observe their students keenly.

"You have to know your children better," said Laurie Pohlmeier, who teaches first- and second-graders.

Parents who favor the new card say it offers a more complete picture of their child's strengths and weaknesses and fosters more positive attitudes toward school.

"When I was going to school, you had your A student and you had your C student," said parent Angie Chippendale. "This [new card] doesn't put a kid into a category like that."

But according to Ary: "The whole concept of eliminating competition is nonsense. If they earned a C, they should get a C." (Los Angeles Times)

The case of the disappearing pigeons

THE streets of downtown London aren't even safe for the pigeons anymore.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of the world's most famous pigeons are missing from their favored concrete feeding ground in the shadow of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. The stolen birds are presumed to have been sold off to pie-making restaurants.

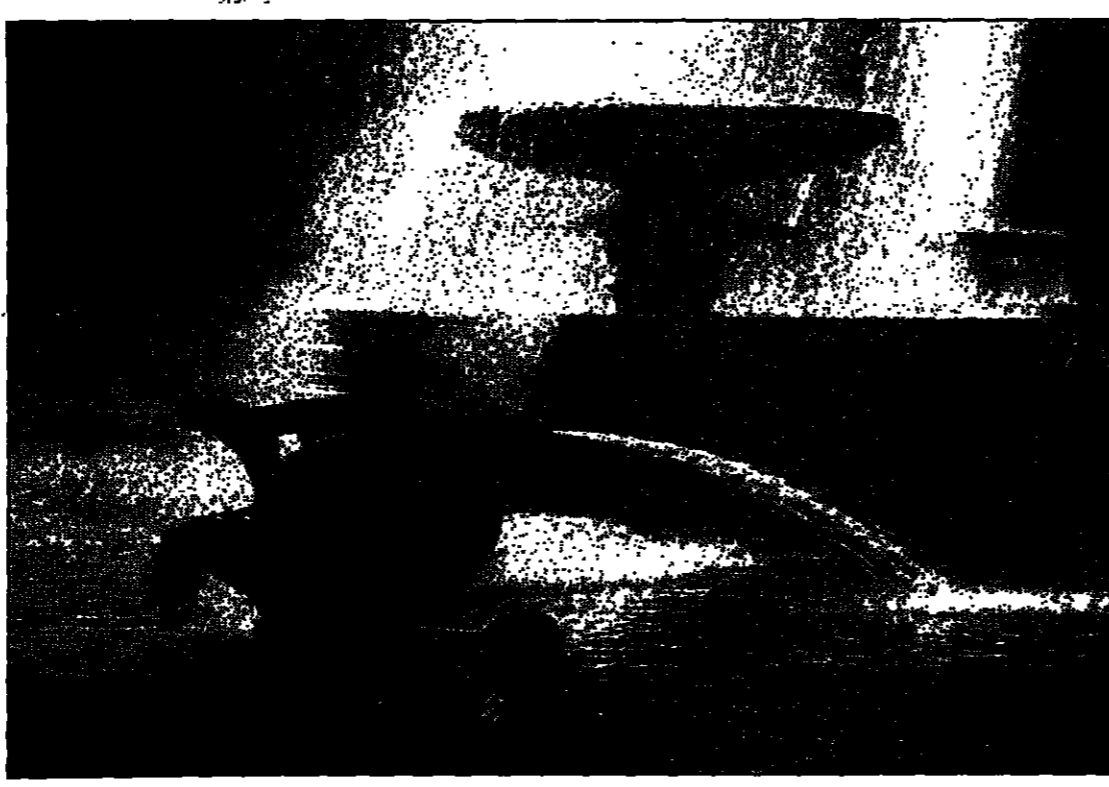
The stomach-flipping shodunit has bedeviled police and outraged the flocks of tourists who trek to Trafalgar Square and pay for the privilege of feeding the birds.

"We've got a pigeon thief on the loose," says Bernard Rayner, whose family has been running the bird-food stand in Trafalgar Square for three generations.

The great pigeon caper has apparently been going on for three months. The prime suspect is a man in his 20s, who wears blue overalls and a red baseball cap. He has been seen in the square scooping the birds into a cardboard box 40 at a time. He then makes his getaway in the Tube, London's famous underground railway.

Police claim that at this rate, the thief could clear out the entire flock of Trafalgar Square pigeons within seven months. That would be a feat that German bombs during World War II and a pigeon birth-control campaign enacted three years ago failed to accomplish.

"We've tried to stop him," Rayner says. "He just flouts the law." Because no one actually owns the pigeons, police can't file theft charges. Britain's Wildlife and Countryside Act prohibits individuals from damaging or destroying wild birds.



Hundreds, perhaps thousands of pigeons have disappeared from London's Trafalgar Square.

"If this man gets away with it and tells his mates, I'm worried we're going to have an army of people scooping up pigeons and selling them to restaurants," Trafalgar Square beat bobby Roy Riggs told London's *The Sun* newspaper. "It must be stopped."

Rayner claims the thief told him he is collecting the birds for a pigeon-racing club.

"That's a lot of pigeons to race," says Rayner. "He's obviously doing this for London restaurants. Apparently, patrons savor the bird's liver-like taste."

The Grill restaurant at the Savoy Hotel is presently spotlighting pigeon stuffed with truffles and served with shiitake mushrooms and celeriac. The dish goes for the princely price of almost 100 shekels.

"We only ever go to recognized suppliers," says Pam Carter, spokeswoman for the Savoy. "Gentlemen turning up with boxes, we'd regard with suspicion." If the law can't stop the pigeon thief, then public opinion surely will. In Britain, animals are so loved, it's not

uncommon to wander into a pub where children are prohibited but dogs are welcomed with open arms.

Tourists can never seem to get enough of the Trafalgar Square pigeons, who are as much a London attraction as Madame Tussaud's wax figures or the Tower of London's guards.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Terms of aid to flower sector may be changed

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Agriculture Ministry is examining the implications of giving state loan guarantees to the flower sector...

sector worldwide. To compete on world markets, Fogel and Swari said the farmers have to invest hundreds of dollars all at once.

According to the report, the farmers are dependent on long-term loans to finance the investment.

A special committee headed by Agriculture Ministry Director-General Jonathan Bassi will examine the application of the report, in which Prof. Yitzhak Swari and former director-general Aharon Fogel propose to change the method of government support to the flower sector...

The Agriculture Ministry finances 32%-40% of total investments in the flower sector. In addition, the government compensates farmers when market prices fall below the average market prices during the past four years.

According to Fogel and Swari, farmers are required to make large investments in the sector as a result of changes in the flower

MKs refuse to accept cut in pensions

LIAT COLLINS

and the other on pensions.

IN its last meeting this session, the Knesset House Committee refused to accept recommendations which would cut MKs' pensions from four percent of their annual salaries to 2%.

The stormy meeting concluded with Prof. Ariel Rosen-Zvi resigning as head of the public committee, which had spent three years preparing the reports on MKs' wages and pensions.

The Rosen-Zvi Committee prepared two reports: one on wages

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who feared it could have implications on pensions throughout the public sector, Rosen-Zvi changed his recommendation on this clause and said the allowance should not be considered.

The House Committee members objected to the change and refused to endorse the report, despite the opinion of committee chairman Elie Goldschmidt, who called it "a black day for the Knesset."

Net profit up at Tadiran Telecom.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TADIRAN Telecommunications, a subsidiary of Tadiran, completed the year with a 25.6 percent growth in net profits to \$25.2 million from \$19.27m. in 1994, the company said in its prospectus to potential investors.

The company has published a prospectus to raise \$75m-\$85m through a global offering later this month.

The shares will be offered to the public in the US, Europe, Asia and other parts of the world.

Tadiran sales rose 25.6% to \$387.5m. from \$308.4m. in 1994. Domestic market sales accounted for \$268.5m., while international

sales reached \$119m. The increase in domestic sales was mainly due to a rise in sales in all product areas, particularly as a result of increases in international sales and sales to Bezeq.

In the reported period, the sale of switching equipment to Bezeq increased to \$124.6m. from \$130.3m.

According to the prospectus, Tadiran started discussions with Bezeq last month regarding supply of increased quantities of switching equipment at a discount price beyond 1997.

Tadiran's cost of sales increased 27.3% last year to \$283.5m. from \$222.4m.

The increase resulted from a change in product mix, particularly due to an increase in the sales of switching equipment and systems which had lower gross profit margins last year compared to 1994.

Research and development expenses increased 15% last year to \$29.2m. from \$25.4m. Operating income increased 22.5% to \$34.9m.

The company is engaged in the production of a wide range of telecommunications products.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Adanim Mortgage Bank expects a rise in mortgage rates following the increase in yields on government bonds. Adanim said the rise in yields has increased the cost of raising capital. The bank expects mortgage rates to rise in about two weeks, after the banks hold their apartment fairs.

Maldan, the association of real estate agents, and the Israel Consumer Board have agreed to establish a joint forum to handle the public's complaints. The forum will handle consumer problems with Maldan real estate agents.

Bank Leumi has inaugurated a forest for its workers. The bank said it has planted 10,000 rows on behalf of the bank's workers.

US-based multinational corporation Kimberly Clark and American Paper Mills are negotiating a partnership to manufacture and market Kimberly Clark products here.

The products, which would be manufactured by Hoga, would include paper products for home use, feminine hygiene products, and other absorbent paper items. Hoga is a subsidiary of American Paper Mills. Kimberly Clark brand names include Kleenex, Huggies disposable diapers, and Kotex feminine hygiene products.

Software Enterprises of Or Yehuda and California yesterday announced a three-phase Internet strategy for building applications on the World Wide Web. The first phase is the immediate availability of Magic WebLink, an add-on tool for Windows NT servers which enables Magic users to develop and deploy multi-tiered Internet applications.

The second phase will be the integration of Magic WebLink into the Magic rapid application development system. Phase three involves integrating emerging Web technologies such as Java and Web Browsers into the Magic environment.

Multimedia producer Impact Pins of Ra'anana will produce the CD-ROM version of Rabbi Maurice Lamm's book 'The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage.'

Planet Hollywood gala opening postponed

THE celebrity-owned Planet Hollywood chain has postponed the grand opening of its new Tel Aviv restaurant following the recent bombings here.

"The management of Planet Hollywood finds that it would be inappropriate to host a glamorous event such as this at a time when so many families in the country are grieving their loved ones," the company said in a statement.

The gala opening, originally scheduled for March 23, will now take place sometime in April.

The beachfront restaurant opened to the public two weeks ago.

Hollywood superstars - including Planet Hollywood co-founders Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone, as well as Brooke Shields, Luke Perry, and Jim Belushi - had planned to attend the March ceremony. Demi Moore's appearance was unconfirmed.



Cor Boonstra, executive vice president and president elect of Philips Electronics, poses with enlarged mobile phones during a news conference at the CeBIT Computer and Information Technology fair in Hanover, Germany yesterday. The fair, the largest of its kind in the world, opens its doors to the public today.

UK finance minister at heart of new Conservative Party rift

LONDON (Reuters) - When British finance minister Kenneth Clarke was besieged by a pack of photographers and reporters yesterday, he grumbled that it was "absurd".

What is not absurd is the reason why he was mobbed - fresh speculation that Clarke, the cabinet's leading pro-European, might resign if he fails to stop his colleagues from committing Britain to a referendum on taking part in a single European currency.

The Treasury said neither Clarke nor his friends were behind a BBC report saying he could consider quitting, and two cabinet colleagues, Defense Secretary Michael Portillo and Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, tried to douse the speculation.

But Andrew Marr, the Independent newspaper's highly respected political commentator, wrote that Clarke seemed to be mentally preparing himself to call it a day.

"If the cabinet votes for a referendum on a single currency, then I think Clarke will resign. He is a man with a short tether, and has reached the end of it," Marr wrote.

Admirers and colleagues who have tried to persuade him not to make a stand on the issue have been firmly rebuffed.

Marr said a Clarke resignation could even lead to the fall of Prime Minister John Major's government - just as Nigel Lawson's rift with Margaret Thatcher over Europe hastened her demise in 1990.

Clarke has made no secret of his hostility to a referendum, arguing it would widen splits in the ruling Conservative Party, but the conventional wisdom to date has been that he would not resign over the issue.

To do so would play into the hands of Eurosceptics in the party and would rob him of any credit for an economic recovery in the run-up to the general election, due by May 1997.

Edwina Currie, a Conservative member of parliament who shares

Clarke's pro-European views, said she still did not believe the chancellor would in fact quit. But she added: "Kenneth Clarke is right to insist that a referendum is a thoroughly bad idea, and would be very disruptive."

Events are moving rapidly that much is clear.

As recently as March 4, Clarke told parliament that a referendum need not be considered until Britain had decided whether to sign up for the single currency, which is due to be launched in 1999.

Yet three days later Major surprised MPs by announcing that the cabinet had decided to look now at the pros and cons of a plebiscite.

An announcement is likely in weeks rather than days.

Clarke has been on the defensive since then, with Conservative party chairman Brian Hawthorne leading the charge for a referendum to spike the guns of billionaire Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum party.

S. Africa shelves most arms purchases

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - The South African defense force has shelved nearly all arms acquisition plans, including a 1.69 billion rand (\$433 million) program to buy four naval corvettes, according to budget documents released yesterday.

Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg slashed the defense allocation by five percent in nominal terms to 10.2 billion rand in his budget for fiscal 1996/97.

The Defense Ministry said in an explanatory memorandum that savings and the suspension of acquisition plans had made the reduction possible.

"New acquisition and renewal projects have been postponed where possible and feasible, while the cash requirement for approved, running projects and

the normal operating costs has been minimized," the ministry said.

The secret Special Defense Account, used mainly to finance military hardware purchases, was halved in yesterday's budget to 1.8 billion rand, including 56 million rand earmarked for the navy.

General Ben Raubenheimer, a Defense Ministry official involved in drawing up the defense budget, said an initial 133 million rand allocation for the corvette program, which was put on hold last year by President Nelson Mandela, had been diverted to other running expenses.

"There is no provision in this budget for the corvette project," he said.

South Africa had narrowed the search for new warships to

Britain's Yarrow Shipbuilders and Spain's Bazan shipyard when Mandela declared last year that the project did not have public support.

The Defense Ministry said in its budget memorandum that all purchases would be decided after publication of a delayed Defense Review, which is expected late this year.

But the memorandum said that equipment levels should not be allowed to drop too low.

"A defense force is not an organization that can be switched on and off at will. While there is no foreseeable conventional threat in the short term, the national defense force must maintain its capability and continue to perform its specific roles," the ministry said.

EU protests Russian vodka import levy

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Commission protested strongly yesterday against Russia's unexpected announcement of a hike in minimum import prices for vodka from the European Union.

The Commission said the move could undermine EU support for Russia's membership in the World Trade Organization.

The Commission said Moscow

had announced overnight that the minimum price for vodka imported from the EU would rise to \$8.2 a liter, compared with \$3.8 per liter on imports from the CIS.

"This development comes as a great surprise as this steep increase in the minimum price marks a clear break from the spirit and purpose of the Trade Agreement with Russia which entered into force on February 1, 1996," the Commission said.

"The move also sends out a negative signal to foreign investors who are already cautious about

investing in Russia."

A Commission spokesman noted that the EU exported 150 million European currency units (\$188 million) worth of vodka to Russia in the first eight months of last year.

He said the EU supported Russian membership in international bodies such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the World Trade Organization, but added a warning that this might have to be reviewed.

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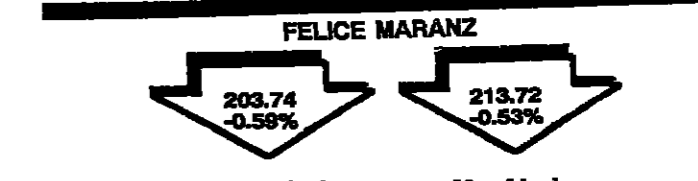
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Teva's slump lowers TASE



STOCKS fell, led by Teva. tracking declines in Israeli companies traded in the US
Teva was the most active share in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, falling 3.5 percent at NIS 6.1 million worth of shares changed hands.

Volatile start in NY keeps FTSE nervous
LONDON (Reuters) - UK shares ended a nervous session little changed as another volatile start on Wall Street kept many institutional investors on the sidelines.

Blue-chip stocks end lower

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks fell yesterday as the market was led lower by Treasury bonds.

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SPORTS

Sri Lanka advances to final

Disgruntled India fans disrupt game, force abandonment

CALCUTTA (Reuters) - Sri Lanka's joy at reaching their first World Cup final was overshadowed by a bitter Indian crowd yesterday when an explosive Eden Gardens semifinal had to be abandoned because of trouble in the stands.

After India had slumped to 120 for eight in pursuit of 252 to win, bottles and other missiles rained on to the outfield and forced the players to head for the pavilion. Although they reappeared briefly, it proved impossible to restart the game.

Match referee Clive Lloyd swiftly carried out his earlier threat to award the game to the Sri Lankans if the ground authorities could not restore order, and an occasion which should have been one of the tournament's highlights instead passed into history for all the wrong reasons.

The estimated 100,000 crowd had been well behaved for much

of the day-night encounter, confident their side could overhaul the Sri Lankan total and reach Sunday's final in Lahore.

Instead, from the comfort of 98 for one, wickets began to tumble at an alarming rate against the Sri Lankan spinners and Indian dreams of a World Cup triumph to match their 1983 success in England had vanished even before the bottles started flying.

There was no immediate comment from the tournament's Pakistan-India-Lanka organizing committee (PILCOM) on the crowd trouble.

The discontent in the stands was sparked by India's dramatic mid-innings collapse which saw them lose seven wickets for 22 runs inside 12 overs, including two agonizing video decisions that required the third umpire's intervention.

The first was the key loss of Sachin Tendulkar, who had been

threatening to win the match comfortably in company with Sanjay Manjrekar during a second-wicket stand of 90.

He was smartly stumped by Ramesh Kaluwitharana for 65 in the 23rd over, having become the first man in the tournament to pass 500 runs, and his team mates proved unable to absorb the blow.

The biggest irony of all was the identity of Sri Lanka's most destructive bowler, Sanath Jayasuriya finished with three for 12 and also took two catches to turn around a match which began abysmally for Sri Lanka when he and Kaluwitharana were both dismissed in the first four balls.

Sri Lanka, whose in-form batsmen had gone on run sprints in previous games, ended up with a

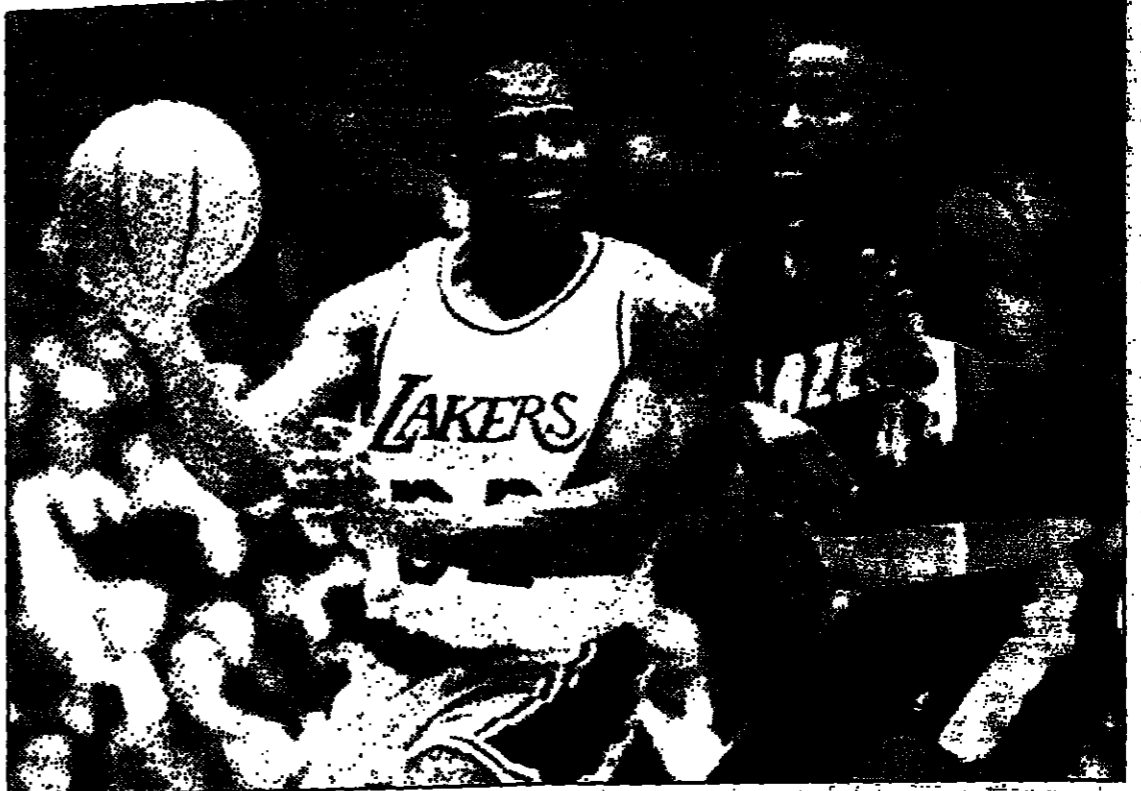
total that looked to be about 20 runs short of causing India real concern. It turned out to be more than enough.

Man-of-the-match Aravinda de Silva was briefly on target to smash the record for the fastest World Cup century of 82 balls until he perished for a superb 66 off 47 deliveries.

Most of the Sri Lankan middle-order chipped in to help the score along.

Roshan Mahanama showed great determination during his 58, needing a runner as he battled cramp and dehydration before finally retiring to the dressing room in the 38th over.

Captain Arjuna Ranatunga played some sublime late cuts on his way to 35.



ALL SMILES - Magic Johnson looks to pass around Portland's Harvey Grant during Tuesday's game.

Winning streaks end for Utah and Orlando

NEW YORK (AP) - Bad night to take the court with a seven-game winning streak.

The Utah Jazz and the Orlando Magic both had their seven-game strings emphatically snapped Tuesday night on the road.

The Jazz sustained its most lopsided loss of the season, 115-89 to the Atlanta Hawks, and the Magic lost 110-93 at Denver as the Nuggets prevented Orlando from winning four straight road games for the first time in team history.

Nuggets 110, Magic 93

Denver put aside the controversy over Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's suspension and played one of its best games of the season.

Bryant Stith scored 23 points and rookie Antonio McDyess 19 as the Nuggets knocked off the cold-shooting Magic.

Before the game, Abdul-Rauf was suspended without pay by the NBA for not standing during the national anthem, a violation of a league rule. Abdul-Rauf, who converted to the Islamic faith in 1991, cited religious reasons.

San Antonio moved into a tie atop the Midwest Division by winning its seventh in a row.

David Robinson went 18-for-20 from the foul line and scored 28 points, and Chuck Person made three 3-pointers in the last 3:40. San Antonio hit 32 of 37 free throws, while Golden State went to the line 25 times, making 15.

Vinny Del Negro added 18 points

and Sean Elliott had 17 for the visiting Spurs.

Trail Blazers 105, Lakers 99

Rod Strickland had 23 points and 12 assists for the visiting Blazers, who have won three in a row after losing 10 of their previous 12.

Strickland's jumper and two free throws, followed by Clifford Robinson's 17-footer, put the Blazers in front for good at 98-97 with 1:51 left. Ardydas Sabonis sank two free throws and scored on a putback off Harvey Grant's missed jumper to give Portland a five-point cushion with 41.5 seconds left.

Heat 125, Mavericks 118

Miami won its fourth in a row and sent Dallas to its fourth straight loss.

Alonzo Mourning had 40 points and 13 rebounds and Rex Chapman hit two key 3-pointers down the stretch.

The visiting Heat moved a half-game ahead of Charlotte for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS:

Phoenix 96, New Jersey 88
Philadelphia 118, Toronto 110
Atlanta 115, Utah 89
Miami 125, Dallas 118
Denver 110, Orlando 93
Portland 105, L.A. Lakers 99
San Antonio 106, Golden State 98

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R.Kaluwitharana c Manjrekar b Sirithath	65
A.Gurusinha c Kumble b Sirithath	1
A.de Silva b Kumble	66
R.Maharaja not out	58
A.Panathur b Sirithath	25
H.Tilakaratne c Tendulkar b Prasad	32
K.Dhamasena b Tendulkar	4
C.Venkat not out	23
P.Wickramasinghe not out	4
M.Kapoor not out	5
Extras (b-13 w-4 nb-2)	17
Total (for eight wickets - 50 overs)	251
Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-1 3-35 4-86 5-186 6-208 7-226 8-244	
Bowling: Sanath 7-1-34-3, Kumble 10-0-61-1 (1w), Prasad 9-0-50-1 (2w), Kapoor 10-0-40-0, Tendulkar 10-1-34-2 (1w), Jadasa 5-0-31-0	

Man of the match: Aravinda de Silva (Sri Lanka)
Result: Match abandoned - Sri Lanka awarded victory

Waugh set for semifinal despite injury

STEVE Waugh is expected to be fit for Australia's World Cup day-night semifinal today against West Indies despite nursing an injury on the eve of the match.

Key middle order batsman Waugh injured his ankle during the quarter-final win over New Zealand in Madras, India, on Monday, and it was heavily strapped during yesterday's practice.

Although they were in the nets side by side, Australia and West Indies were giving little away.

Both captains, Mark Taylor and Richie Richardson, said they would not be announcing their teams until shortly before the start of the semifinal at the SAS Nagar stadium.

No major changes are expected in either side, although Australia must be concurred at the ease with which the New Zealand batsmen scored against all their bowlers when making 286 for nine in the quarter-final.

March Madness is in the air

ANYBODY out there selling a used TV? With the NCAA tournament starting, we're looking for about three extra sets to set up around the house so we can catch all the action, which begins tomorrow.

This is no time to catch up on your sleep, so plan ahead. Super Channel is already touting its coverage so far scheduled for Saturday morning at 4 a.m., mid-night Saturday night and on Sunday at 6 p.m. and midnight. (Check on-screen schedules to be sure of times!)

Sports Channel's out to do them one better, offering the NCAA's at 10:30 p.m. Friday night and then a Saturday schmorgasbord featuring action at 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m. and, finally, live coverage of Doron Sheffer and UConn vs. the winner of the Duke/Eastern Michigan game, assuming Sheffer & Co. advance past Colgate in the first round.

And don't forget Prime Sports - now Star Sports - who offered feeds of the CBS broadcasts last season. Clearly it's time to go heavy on the caffeine and get some toothpicks for your eyes to prepare for March Madness.

WE warmed up for what's ahead by catching two big college games this week, first Georgia Tech-Wake Forest from earlier this season, and then Doron Sheffer and Connecticut vs. Georgetown in the Big East Final. While the action was topnotch, the broadcasts left a good deal of room for improvement.

Particularly irksome was the first game, an ESPN broadcast

SPORTSWATCH
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handled by Oded Mazour for Sports Channel. Mazour actually was pretty impressive - he seemed to be well-versed in college hoops, and his delivery was smooth. It was the ESPN announcers who grated on our nerves, especially their umpteenth repetitions of how Georgia Tech freshman guard Stephon Marbury is "mature beyond his years, basketball-wise."

Even more annoying was their tendency to overstate the obvious. After Tech narrowed the score to 54-53, one of the ESPN broadcasters pointed out: "A basket by Georgia Tech here could ignite the crowd!" With such silliness coming over in English, Mazour can hardly be blamed for bobbling Tim Duncan's foul shooting stats: while ESPN made it clear he was 2-6, Mazour insisted: "He's 1 for 5 from the line."

However, it's unclear just who's responsible for the worst gaffe of the game: with Tech up 64-61, there was a struggle for a loose ball, and Wake Forest got possession with just a few seconds to play. Time out was called, but the ball underneath their own basket and the score was 64-63! We never got to see that last Wake Forest basket.

Cutting down the innumerable NCAA contests to fit a one-hour timeslot isn't so bad if it's done correctly, but Sports Channel should be more careful about making sure the most important

moments aren't lost somehow. The Connecticut game was also exciting, with Opher Shelach and Ronen Gorevitch in the studio for Sports Channel, which deserves credit for getting the game on the air - 3 p.m. Sunday - so soon after it was played.

ESPN's Dick Vitale may not be everyone's cup of tea, but we enjoy his enthusiasm, as when he instructed Connecticut center Travis Knight to "Shoot it! Shoot it!" Shelach was on target, as always, especially when pointing out that an air-bull by G-town's Alan Iverson "missed all of Madison Square Garden, and landed somewhere on 34th Street."

Vitale's partner was good until the end, when he should have been whistled for bad punning. First he noted that Connecticut freshman guard Ricky Moore "is doing a little bit more," then pointed out that Connecticut reserve Curt King had come to the forefront with his late effort, "but who will be the pawn when it's all over?" Even Vitale couldn't handle that one, suggesting his partner might apply for a job as a writer for David Letterman or Jay Leno. Here's hoping ESPN announcers have gotten all the extra hype and bad puns out of their systems in the run-up to the Final 64. NBA fans should be advised that CNN's fine *This Week in the NBA* can be caught in a double dose, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and then again, in a slight-

ly different version, at 7:30 a.m. Monday.

The earlier show runs down Saturday night action and previews what's ahead Sunday, while the morning show reviews Sunday's games and highlights. Features - such as this week's profile of Bullets Romanian 77" center George Muresan are repeated in the morning show. Basketball fans of all types shouldn't miss *The Story of a Game*, Sports Channel's new feature being aired right at 7:45 Monday nights, right before the National Basketball League game of the week.

The feature program focuses on one particularly memorable game in basketball history, with this past week's show taking a look at the controversial 1972 Olympic finals, in which the US lost to the USSR after officials twice awarded the Russian squad three extra seconds.

Not only did the producers track down players from both sides, they also provided some interesting trivia, such as the fact that Alexander Belov, who scored the "winning" basket for the Russians, eventually died in a Soviet jail where he was incarcerated for smuggling in jeans.

We're not quite sure of the date on this package, however, since a feature on international players in the NBA included lengthy quotes from the late Drazen Petrovich, with no mention of the fact that he had been killed in a car crash a few years ago. Still, based on the first program, Sports Channel deserves an A for this pick-up.

Barcelona sweeps to Final Four in Euro hoops

Other three series extended to decisive game today

BRIAN FREEMAN

BARCELONA swept to the Final Four with a decisive 96-66 victory over visiting Ulker Istanbul, the second straight rout over the Turks in the best-of-three European Club Championship quarter-finals.

The other three series all went to the third and decisive game, which will be played today.

Barcelona built up a 53-34 advantage to breeze to their fifth Final Four appearance in the past eight seasons. The team has won 10 straight European games and appears to be the favorite to capture its first title and throw off its "always the bridesmaid" label.

Andres Jimenez led the Spaniards with 24 points, while Salvador Diez had 14 and Manuel

Bosch and Arturas Karnisovas chipped in with 13 each.

For Ulker, which lost Game 1 at home 105-77, Charles Shackleford was the high scorer with 18 points.

Real Madrid 80, Olympiakos 77

Real Madrid kept alive its hopes of repeating as European champions with a home win over the Greeks. In Game 1 in Athens, Olympiakos trounced Real 68-49.

The Spaniards jumped out to a 41-31 halftime advantage behind a superb 21-point, nine rebound performance from Joe Arlauckas in the period.

Real then extended the lead to 14 points before Olympiakos, which lost to Real in last season's championship game, stormed back to cut the margin.

Besiktas 75, Panathinaikos 69

Henry Williams scored 23 points to propel Treviso to a home victory that knotted the series at 1-1.

Panathinaikos, which has made the Final Four the past two seasons, fell behind 45-34 at the half and was unable to mount a comeback.

Dominique Wilkins paced the Greeks with 25 points, while Stojan Vrankovic chipped in 14.

Zeljko Rebraca contributed 17 points for the Italians.

CSKA Moscow 104, Pau-Orthez 89

The Russians rebounded from a defeat in France in Game 1 to post an impressive victory and send the series to the rubber match.

Vassili Karashev led CSKA, which jumped out to a 52-40 halftime advantage, with 23 points on the night.

Pau-Orthez was paced by Antoine Rigaudoux with 20 points.

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HEATHER CHAIT

EYAL Erlich, third seed for the third stage of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite in Jaffa beat Nir Weigren yesterday to reach the quarter-finals. The score was 6-0, 7-6(7/1).

Raviv Weidenfeld, who won two rounds in the two previous stages of the satellite, beat Slovakian Martin Hromec 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and will next play the top seed Ignacio Truyol from Spain.

Truyol, who won the second leg of the satellite, beat Amir Hadad 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Second seed, Bing Pan from China, was knocked out by Kevin Ulyett from South Africa 6-2, 6-4.

In today's remaining second round matches: Noam Behr plays Milan Turkovic (Slovakia), Lior Mor plays Adolf Musil (Czech Republic), Noam Okun plays Lars Johansson (Sweden), Harel Levy plays Jocelyna Robichaud (Canada).

In the women's tournament in Jaffa, top seed Hila Rosen, Shiri Burstein and Nataly Cahana have reached the quarter-finals. Rosen will play Burstein and Cahana will play second seed Anna Linkova from Russia.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Luxembourg rugby squad to visit Israel

The Israel Rugby Union will host Luxembourg next month in an international fixture - the first such event in this country. The game is organized by the French-based *Federation International de Rugby Amateur*. The match will be played April 7th in Herzliya at 3 pm. For additional information, call 09-422620. *Post Sports Staff*

Chelsea, Manchester City draw 1-1

Manchester City, trying to avoid relegation, picked up an important away point in a 1-1 draw Tuesday at west-London club Chelsea.

Roud Gullit gave Chelsea a 1-0 lead in the 23rd minute. Nigel Clough equalized for City in the 42nd minute. *AP*

Killer of Jordan's father gets life sentence

Jurors sentenced a man to life in prison instead of death for killing Michael Jordan's father because they weren't sure he pulled the trigger, the jury forewoman said.

The jury deliberated nearly 3 1/2 hours before reaching the verdict Tuesday for Daniel Andre Green, who was convicted February 29 in the murder of James Jordan. *AP*

NHL - Tuesday's results

Washington 9, Vancouver 0; Detroit 5, Winnipeg 2; Calgary 4, St. Louis 2. *AP*

HOME/WORLD NEWS

Knesset breaks for Pessah Chinese military warns US over Taiwan

THE 13th Knesset, which begins its Pessah recess today, will be remembered above all as the Knesset which witnessed the political assassination of the prime minister, Speaker Shevah Weiss said yesterday.

LIAT COLLINS
liamentary activity than its predecessors, particularly private members' bills, which increased to 3,523, or 138.7 percent more than the 12th Knesset.

and are each running with different parties in the coming elections. Only Molelet leader Rehavam Ze'evi remains in his faction since Yosef Ba-Gad broke away to form an eponymous faction and Shaul Guttman left to create Yemin Yisrael.

Chinese military warns US over Taiwan

News agencies BEIJING
CHINA sent fighters screaming down the Taiwan Strait day and blasted its arch-enemy Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui as a dictator in a relentless campaign to crush any hopes among islanders for independence.

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An observation point overlooking Jerusalem's Old City and Gethsemane is dedicated yesterday by (from left) Mayor Ehud Olmert, Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land Father Giuseppe Nazario, Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, and Eastern Jerusalem Development Company head Amnon Lorch.

Suspects in alleged bus scam out on bail

RAINE MARCUS
YISRAEL Stockman and Eli Yaffe, suspected of running a massive buses-for bribes scam involving buses from Germany sold to the Egged cooperative, were released on bail by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge George Kara yesterday.

Yisraelovich charged in Histadrut fraud affair

RAINE MARCUS
FORMER Histadrut treasurer Artur Yisraelovich was indicted by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday on five charges of fraud and breach of trust, arising from his management of former Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar's 1992 Labor Party Knesset primary campaign.

The invoices issued by the detectives were listed as costs for "consultation fees," and the fact that Histadrut chairman Haim Haberfeld commissioned them to follow Ramon was concealed, the indictment said.

Dole shifts focus to Clinton

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - Fresh from a seven-state sweep of "Super Tuesday" primaries, Bob Dole was back in Washington yesterday pushing for Republican unity to defeat President Bill Clinton in November's presidential election.

'S. African officers praised massacre'

DURBAN (AP) - A former military intelligence officer testified yesterday that superiors approved his plan for a hit squad to gun down anti-apartheid activists and later praised him even though women and children were killed.

Weissman appeals her conviction

MIRIAM Weissman yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court against her conviction for the attempted murder of her daughter, Natalie.

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